

SMAP Visioning Session DRAFT NOTES

Monday, November 4, 2013

In attendance: Samantha, Deb, Daniel, Carole, Rachelle, Cortney, Herve, Peter, Chris, Barb

Summary:

- Role of SMAP was reviewed
- Discussion of issues/challenges
- Overview of SMAP accomplishments
- Reviewed April 2013 Report Card
- **Next Steps:** Have subcommittees review report card, and come up with priorities to bring forward to SMAP to help prepare for presentation to Community Services Standing Committee; consideration given to updating SMP; remind Council of their commitments to implement to SMP, and becoming a healthy, sustainable, pedestrian friendly community.

Discussion points:

Deb - No school safety zone around Landsdowne; CGS removing 4-way stops e.g. Lansing; removing crosswalks eg. Nelson Street, Traffic calming on Atlee - did not consult SMAP.

Daniel presented to the Operations Committee on the Southview Drive issue, in his presentation he talked about the issue, perspectives from a cyclist/pedestrian and driver point of view, talked about alternatives and possible solutions; City getting rid of islands at Regent/Bouchard; SMAP is here to support good practice, doesn't feel consulted.

Deb – would like to ask CGS if for the next year we can ensure SMAP gets to see plans before they go to tender.

Rachelle – what can we do with the Sustainable Mobility Plan – it should be moved forward.

Deb - there is frustration in that we do the work and get ignored.

Chris = SMAP has to decide on clear messages from sub-committees.

Carole – do we know if SMAP will continue? Feel that we were embraced in the beginning and now no one is listening to us. Goal of Healthy Community Initiative is to advocate for implementation of SMP eg. Advocate for TDM staff person at CGS or renewed SMAP.

Samantha – problem is that there is no person working on Sustainable Mobility, therefore not effective – need senior staff person. Ottawa has made a commitment to have 30% of peak travel time to be by bus by 2036.

Carole – need to track how much time we have spent on this.

Samantha – it would be great to have a staff person with a link to transit, 40% of City will be seniors in 20 years.

Cortney – transit has no interest in building ridership.

Daniel – someone at the City needs to be looking at it globally e.g. Active Transportation Manager.

Rachelle – need to advocate for appropriate policies to be in place, SCU will be pushing for cycling strategy and complete streets – in BC pedestrians are a priority not the automobile – can CGS adopt something like this?

Cortney – reaction to removing patio stones in the crosswalks downtown – when you drove downtown you noticed that it was special, not anymore, and it won't be painted until the spring – this should have been brought to SMAP.

Deb – they will be testing different kinds of surfaces and the Elgin Greenway will be a good place.

Herve – there is no interest (from CGS) in cycling and pedestrians – it's just cars and sewer lines – they forget about people.

Deb – in 2009 New York started to narrow roads, put in bike lanes and crosswalks and pedestrian deaths were reduced; would like Council to improve engineering standards.

Carole – can our next steps be that the subcommittees look at the report card and come back to big group? Another recommendation should be that SMP be redone/updated (to incorporate Cycle ON, etc).

Cortney – was hoping for some direction, but there are a lot of walls being put up, waiting for the City to hear from MMM Group.

Daniel – can we re-circulate the report card?

Chris – this panel needs to bring forward the most important aspects of what should be done, and bring them forward.

Cortney – but there is no plans for cycling infrastructure for 30 years; could suggest cycling maps to get from A to B be put on CGS web site.

Daniel – set a game plan for a presentation, talk about TDM co-ordinator, complete streets, and the challenges we face – use the presentation to change the path for the next SMAP.

Chris – don't look at SMAP's efforts as wasted, you have made recommendations to make this City better, the investment you've made is valuable, remind Council that it is one of their priorities, identify priorities from each of the sub-committees of what they want to bring forward (reasonable amount of recommendations) – we need to weave in things like reminding Council the commitment of becoming a sustainable community, the SMP could be updated and included.

Rachelle – how does a TDM Manager get into the budget? There are so many people disenfranchised right now because of the process.