

Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes

5:30 p.m. October 19, 2017

Annex Building, Second Floor (northwest corner of Larch St and Paris St, across from Tom Davies Square)

Attendees: Rachelle Niemela, Naomi Grant, Lilly Noble, Daniel Barrette, Pam Cranston, Drew Poeta, Marisa Talarico

Guests: Ed Landry (CGS), Melissa Riou (CGS), Kris Longston (CGS), Rob Voigt (WSP), Cindy Rowland (WSP)

Regrets: Deb McIntosh, Carol Craig, Niall Williams, Pam Banks, Mary Anne Duynisveld, Marc Pleau

Agenda Item	Presenter	Time
Welcome	Naomi Grant	5:30pm (5 min)
Review of Previous Minutes	Naomi Grant	5:35pm (5 min)
Presentations and Updates		
Title: Chelmsford Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Update Description: An update on the work to date and timelines for completion of the CIP will be presented.	Melissa Riou	5:40pm (10 min)
Description: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa shared maps depicting the boundaries of the Chelmsford CIP, which illustrated two sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One section is the town centre, where there are incentives available for existing businesses to be further developed ○ The second section depicted is where Planning is interested in creating the Whitson River Waterway Park on the eastern shore of the river to better connect the neighbourhoods of Chelmsford with the town centre • This will be a linear trail with connections to the town centre, with major focal points of interest, such as the existing bridge located behind the library • Planning has retained a consultant (Greenland International) to prepare a draft conceptual design for public consultation to take place tentatively at the end of November. This will be an open house type event to present the draft conceptual design and to receive comments on the town centre CIP • Materials will also be available online for comments and there will be two additional open houses in February to review updated design and CIP plan prior to presentation to Council. • Goal is to bring forth the final Community Improvement Plan to Council for March 2018 • Naomi and Rachelle asked for additional information about what type and where active transportation facilities will be located • Rachelle asked if the Chelmsford CAN is still active and if they've been engaged – Melissa has been keeping in regular contact with the Chair of the Chelmsford CAN • Daniel offered assistance through RRA as many people are interested in improving walkability in Chelmsford 		
Action Items: Melissa will notify and extend invitations to SMAP for the Open House in Chelmsford in November and will share the materials on the website.		

Title: LaSalle Corridor Study Workshop Description: WSP will be on hand to provide an update on the LaSalle Corridor Study and to facilitate a workshop with panel members.	Ed Landry / WSP	5:50pm (90 min)
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Description:

- Ed gave an initial overview of the City of Greater Sudbury's [Nodes and Corridors Strategy](#) and the [LaSalle Corridor Study](#)
- First public consultation session was held in September and second session was October 18, 2017 at the New Sudbury Centre
- Rob Voigt introduced himself and Cindy Rowland from WSP, who are the consultants leading this study.
- Rob estimated that about 200 people actively participated in the event held at the New Sudbury Centre
- We're looking at how we design the street from the outside in, starting with land uses and what we can do to support all modes of transportation and general livability of the corridor
- There are 12 project principles that the study is striving to meet
- WSP has begun to develop cross-sections for what may be possible for providing multimodal transportation options in the corridor. Cross-sections presented at the meeting are preliminary and are not to be considered as the only options being explored by the project team.
- Rob highlighted opportunities for infill development and redevelopment, particularly around the mall (node)
- Cindy presented from an urban design perspective:
 - Four general types of development may be possible for this node:
 - Suburban, New Town Centre, Mixed Use, Residential Infill
 - About the cross-sections:
 - Cindy remarked that the width of LaSalle is variable over the length of the corridor, with the majority of it at 26.2m, which she indicated was somewhat constrained for a major arterial
 - Cindy highlighted that there are trade-offs to be made between better pedestrian/cyclist amenity space and other road users needs
 - Rachelle asked if they have any information about where these widths exist on LaSalle?
 - Naomi commented that each cross-section option shows a treed-median. Cindy said there is currently a centre turn lane which can be used to install planted medians strategically throughout the corridor to guide traffic and make the street more visually narrow
 - Naomi asked if there has been any consideration of removing the centre turning lane altogether for something like a dedicated bus-lane?
 - Rob responded that he did not think it was feasible to remove the turning lane. It can definitely be reduced so that it is not continuous. Rob clarified that we are NOT adding width to the right-of-way. We are working within the existing ROW and are focused on a practical, achievable solution.
- SMAP members were invited to review the boards and provide comments to the consultants. (NB: My apologies for not capturing some of the comments here, if anyone would like to add something, please let me know)
- SMAP members was then invited to participate in the "Complete Streets Game" and were given some time to develop cross-section ideas in pairs:
- Activity Comments:
 - Daniel suggested a green zone as a buffer between bike lanes/sidewalk and travel lane and mentioned that planted medians provide unofficial crossing opportunities
 - Naomi/Rachelle – wide enough travel lanes for buses and tracks, reduced to two lanes and a centre turn lane with a green zone and bike lanes, sidewalks
 - Rachelle commented that rain gardens and other types of green infrastructure are important and indicated that she felt there are opportunities to introduce new green spaces and parkettes to the corridor
 - Rachelle commented that LaSalle is the most heavily used transit corridor in the City – Could we consider have HOV lanes, time of use lanes?
 - Naomi commented that on LaSalle and Notre Dame the buses are late because they are stuck in the rest of the traffic, which is why HOV lanes could have a potential positive impact here
 - Naomi commented that transportation, or other departments, need to do a better job of presenting options for discussion to Council to raise some of these issues we are talking about. If Council is presented with more options, perhaps there would be more community support and engagement.

- Pam – From a maintenance perspective, Parks would like to see the green zone further back to better protect it. Pam and Drew presented an asymmetrical cross-section with no centre turn lane
- Naomi asked Rob if the public feedback be included in the report verbatim or will it just be a summary? Rob responded that it will be likely a summary
- Rachele asked Rob/Ed when implementation of this study and construction might happen?
 - Ed – A timeline of recommendations with some quick wins that we can take in the first few years will be presented. This may include changing the zoning, forming a BIA and creating a Community Improvement Plan.
 - Rob – if it's viable to do a change like re-striping the road across the entire corridor, then it will be recommended in the study.
- Naomi – Outreach – Have you been to the Ward 8 CAN? Social housing facilities? Other residents along the street? Rob responded that they've done a mail-out to all residents in the study area, which is +/- 400m on either side of LaSalle.
- Naomi – When the draft report is ready, what will the process be for input? Will it go out to the public or will it be presented straight to Council? When is the best time to provide comments/input?
 - Rob indicated that residents should provide feedback now and encourage others to also provide feedback.
- Lilly – Are there discussions happening about the transit hub at the mall?
 - Rob indicated that they are working closely with Transit to ensure integration of the two studies
- Project is anticipated to be complete by March 31, 2018.

Action Items: Cindy (WSP) to share a map of ROW widths with SMAP members. Rob will be sharing a link to an online tool with the team members to gather further input on the study.

<p>Title: Transit Action Plan Progress Update Description: A brief update on study progress and any upcoming opportunities for input.</p>	<p>Drew Poeta</p>	<p>7:30pm (20 min)</p>
<p>Description:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transit was supposed to meet with the students, but the strikes with LU and the Colleges have posed a challenge. He anticipates being able to go out and talk to the students in the near future to gather input for the Transit Action Plan. ● On November 21, an update/announcement will be presented ● After November 21, Transit will present the draft routes to a variety of stakeholders in an informal setting for questions and suggestions ● January 23, 2018 will be the interim report to Community Services Committee ● There will be an online survey beginning on January 24 and goes until February 23 for people to give feedback on anything they've seen to date ● February 13-15 will be a series of Open houses for the public. Details to be announced. ● April 10, 2018 will be the final report to Council, taking into account the public consultation, this will inform and include the implementation plan ● Drew clarified everything he just spoke of is the Transit Action Plan, and that the Transit Master Plan will follow. ● Components of the Transit Master Plan will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A service review of handi-transit eligibility; ○ A safety review and plan to educate the public and operators on different policies and procedures ○ Branding for Greater Sudbury Transit ● Naomi – is there a timeline for the Transit Master Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Drew – May start mid-late 2018, though the handi-transit eligibility review and safety review will need to be started before work on the Transit Master Plan begins. 		

Title: Bicycle Friendly Community Award Application Description: Introduction to the Bicycle Friendly Communities program and the City's application for a BFC Award.	Marisa Talarico	7:50pm (10 min)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMAP members helped to brainstorm a list of individuals who could be local reviewers of the City's Bicycle Friendly Community Award Application. <p>Action Items: Marisa to present the completed application to SMAP at the November meeting.</p>		

Sub-Committee Reports			
Description: Subcommittee leads to provide status update on current priorities and future work	Infrastructure Subcommittee Update	Niall Williams	8:00pm (5 min)
	Policy Subcommittee Update	Carol Craig	8:05pm (5 min)
	Transit Subcommittee Update	Pam Banks	8:10pm (5 min)
Adjournment		Naomi Grant	8:30pm

Added on November 21, 2017:

- At the October SMAP meeting, it was mentioned that the City of Greater Sudbury is currently working on a Road Safety Audit, to be completed in 2018.

Next Meeting Date: November 16, 2017 (Location TDB)