

# Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes

5:30 p.m. November 16, 2017  
C-10, Tom Davies Square

**Attendees:** Marisa Talarico, Pam Banks, Naomi Grant, Rachele Niemela, Deb McIntosh, Carol Craig

**Guests:** Joe Rocca

**Regrets:** Mary Ann Duynisveld, Daniel Barrette, Marc Pleau, Niall Williams

Agenda Item	Presenter	Time
<b>Welcome</b>	Naomi Grant	5:30pm (5 min)
<b>Review of Previous Minutes</b>	Naomi Grant	5:35pm (5 min)
<p><b>Action item:</b> Marisa will add mention of the upcoming Road Safety Audit to the minutes. The Road Safety Audit will occur sometime in 2018.</p>		
<b>Presentations and Updates</b>		
<p><b>Title:</b> Pedestrian Crossovers – One Year Later <b>Description:</b> Joe recently was invited to speak as part of a panel on Pedestrian Crossovers at the Ontario Traffic Council Traffic Engineering Workshop. He will be sharing some findings from our own program and other programs in Ontario</p>	Joe Rocca	5:40pm (30 mins)
<p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>Joe participated in a panel at the Ontario Traffic Council in October about our pedestrian crossover project. The launch of our first pedestrian crossover was held on November 15, 2016. This is a new tool which has made it much easier for pedestrians to safely cross the road. A new pedestrian crossover was unveiled yesterday on November 16, 2017 on Southview Drive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2016 – 20 PXOs were installed across the City.</li> <li>- 2017 – 21 more PXOs were installed</li> </ul> <p>The intent is to install a PXO at every channelized right turn lane to provide a consistent experience for both motorists and pedestrians throughout the community.</p> <p>SMAP asked to have the crossover poster that was in the presentation sent to them so it can be used for promotion. A chart was presented with statistics from some other cities including Ottawa, Kingston, Milton, Sudbury. Sudbury has more PXO density per population than many cities. Sudbury is also performing very well in terms of compliance. The City will have a student doing more compliance studies next summer.</p> <p>Sudbury is the only community in Ontario to use PXOs on right turn channels and the two-stage crossings. The one two-stage crossing on Elm Street has since been changed to single-stage, as the previous two stage crossing was found to be confusing for both motorists and pedestrians.</p> <p>Joe reviewed some of the roads where PXOs will be installed in 2018, including York Street, Westmount Avenue, Walford Road (where there may be some challenges with this crossing having a school crossing guard) and Algonquin Road. The choice of location is currently done by request, which is then followed by an investigation (counts, sight lines) and</p>		

completion of a warrant process.

There have been no reported collisions at any of the locations. 'Near misses' have not been documented, as there is currently no means by which to objectively and accurately capture this data.

There has been good driver compliance, with the exception of type D (no lights). The City will investigate further (bigger sample size and more information needed).

PXOs have proven to be an excellent addition to the safe pedestrian toolkit, and the City has had Council support in putting in this new provincially-sanctioned option, which is an affordable tool that can be used to address problems that couldn't be fixed in the past. The City is doing a pedestrian count whenever they evaluate a location, but there are many variables that apply when you look at these counts (eg weather), and more years of data is needed.

There are no clear measurable indicators, used across the province, at this time for evaluating achieving the desired outcome. Pedestrian counts and surveys to capture pedestrian experience may be used for evaluation.

**Action Items:**

Marisa will send the crossover poster to the panel.

<b>Title:</b> 2017 MTO Pedestrian Safety Campaign <b>Description:</b> There was an opportunity for community groups to apply for funding and/or sidewalk decals and/or signage from the MTO to raise pedestrian and motorist awareness in support of protecting vulnerable road users.	Carol Craig	6:10pm (15 mins)
<b>Description:</b>  Carol indicated that there might be an opportunity to do something similar next year (when evaluations will be available from other communities that tried it); there is money from community agencies or grants that we could tap into to run this kind of campaign. SMAP indicated they would be interested in seeing campaigns for drivers as well, perhaps a positive ticketing campaign.  <b>Action Items:</b>  Carol will ask the Road Safety Committee if they are interested in proceeding on a similar campaign next year.		

<b>Title:</b> Complete Streets - Visioning Exercise <b>Description:</b> CGS is beginning to develop a Complete Streets Policy and we'd like to take some time to understand what 'complete streets' means to SMAP	Marisa Talarico	6:25pm (45 mins)
<b>Description:</b>  In the City's Strategic Plan, one of the action items is to develop a Complete Streets Policy for the City of Greater Sudbury by March 2018. This policy is not to be confused with implementation guidelines, similar to the document that the City of Toronto has recently released.  A Complete Street does not necessarily look the same on every street. The intent is to have a consistent approach when looking at road construction and rehabilitation. Complete Streets will be delivered by many CGS divisions Roads, Planning (eg Official Plan, New Subdivisions), Transit and Engineering.  Marisa is continuing to present to City divisions on Active Transportation, as this is a new mindset and approach for the community and organization. This is the first year where almost every road project has pedestrian and cycling		

accommodations. The policy will formalize what the City is currently actively putting in place. The policy is planned to be presented to Council in March 2018. The next steps will include: how to implement the policy in the various guidelines that are currently used (roads, cross-sections, site planning, Official Plan, budget, etc), and how to engage the community in the implementation.

SMAP members participated in an activity to brainstorm responses to the following questions:

1. What are the benefits of adopting and implementing a Complete Streets policy in our community?
2. What are the challenges of adopting and implementing a Complete Streets policy in our community?
3. What reasons for adoption (i.e. health, safety, choice) will consistently rally support from the community, City staff and political leaders?
4. What is your vision for Complete Streets in Greater Sudbury?

**\*Responses will be compiled and shared in a separate e-mail**

Marisa will be hosting an internal workshop with a number of City staff that is similar to the activity completed by SMAP at this meeting. This workshop will be about the benefits, challenges, and the context of implementing Complete Streets in Greater Sudbury. She is using a Smart Growth America Complete Streets workbook to guide the process.

**Action Items:**

Marisa to present the draft Complete Streets Policy to SMAP, possibly in January 2018.

<b>Title:</b> Planning Session		
<b>Description:</b> A discussion on what members of SMAP would like to accomplish before the end of the term in 2018	Naomi Grant	7:10pm (20 mins)
<p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>Brief discussion on what we want to focus on in the 7 working months left in our term:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Agreement to continuing to work on the important policies/plans for sustainable transportation:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Transit Action Plan, Transportation Demand Management Plan, Nodes and Corridors Studies, Complete Streets Policy, Rural and Urban Cross sections (expect in Spring 2018)</li> </ul> </li> <li>2) Agreement to continue with the projects in place that the policy subcommittee and infrastructure subcommittee are currently working on.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Policy Subcommittee:</b> review of best practices for public engagement on transportation projects</li> <li>- <b>Infrastructure Subcommittee:</b> high level input on sustainable transportation infrastructure for capital projects in the 5 year budget outlook</li> </ul> </li> <li>3) Agreement on sharing our work and final recommendations with Council             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agreement that we would prefer to present to Council and that there is interest from Council. Suggestion that we might want to broaden the report to be a report on the community accomplishments and what progress has been made collectively. A lot of what has been put in place has been foundational. It would be beneficial to include needed next steps.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4) Agreement that we will discuss in June 2018 our experience of being on the panel and recommendations for changes that would better facilitate the work of the panel.</li> </ol>		
<p>Discussion on the other things that we have flagged as important over the past year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Making data-based recommendations to improve pedestrian safety - should be captured as part of the Road Safety</li> </ul>		

Audit being carried out by staff sometime in 2018.

- Before and after counts for new active transportation infrastructure will not be available for review during our term.
- A holistic impact assessment for transportation projects will be explored as part of the Complete Streets approach as a way of evaluating projects.
- There is clarity from Council that the cycling infrastructure capital budget dollars are to be used for retrofitting roads that are not undergoing a road reconstruction. There is the need for dollars to help implement active transportation, including communications and programming (education and promotion). There is no opportunity to do this for 2018, but there is the possibility that this may be a recommendation in the TDM Plan (to be presented in January). Once this is tabled, there probably needs to be a business case prepared to request funds, which would allow a motion to provide the required funding.

Discussion on the outstanding items from our strategic plan. Thought that the review of existing and new policies and the review of sustainable transportation options used in comparable communities may be too large for SMAP to complete in its remaining months.

**Action Items:**

- Subcommittees will continue their work to bring to the full Panel
- Deb McIntosh will follow up on the best timing to present to Council in 2018
- Deb and Marisa will explore opportunities to follow up on recommendations in the TDM plan to request resources needed for programming, marketing and education for AT.

<b>Sub-Committee Reports</b>			
<b>Description:</b> Subcommittee leads to provide status update on current priorities and future work	Infrastructure Subcommittee Update Deferred	Niall Williams	7:30pm (5 min)
	Policy Subcommittee Update Deferred	Carol Craig	7:35pm (5 min)
	Transit Subcommittee Update Deferred	Pam Banks	7:40pm (5 min)
<b>Description:</b>			
<b>Action Items:</b> N/A			

<b>Other Business</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2017 Cycling Infrastructure Update Report               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Deferred</li> </ul> </li> <li>• TAP Update – Drew               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transit will be asking to meet with SMAP about the Transit Action Plan in early December</li> </ul> </li> <li>• TDM Strategy Update – Marisa               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marisa is continuing to work on the TDM Plan and will bring recommendations to SMAP when there is more information available</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Presentation at ACT Canada Sustainable Mobility Summit               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marisa presented on CGS’ upcoming TDM plan. The high engagement of residents was discussed. CGS is moving forward with some important AT pieces faster than some other communities because residents and community groups are asking for that progress and are being supported by Council.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	All	7:45pm

**Description:**

**Action Items:** N/A

**Next Meeting Date**

January 18, 2018 (A special meeting may be scheduled in early December regarding the Transit Action Plan – TBD)

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Naomi Grant