
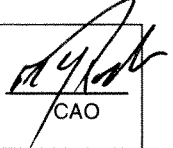


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COUNCIL REPORT

Date: July 18, 2011 File: 1785-19
 From: Raymond Fung, Director, Engineering & Transportation
 Subject: **Cycling Network Implementation Plan Working Group**

RECOMMENDED THAT:

- The creation of a Cycling Network Implementation Plan Working Group, as proposed in the report from the Director, Engineering & Transportation, dated July 18, 2011 be referred to the Community Engagement Committee.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's support for establishing a Cycling Network Implementation Plan Working Group.

1.0 Background

The District's Cycling Network and Greenway Plan, developed in June 2007 was approved by Council at its meeting of June 25, 2007. The Plan describes the vision of a network of bicycle routes, both on-street facilities and pathways connecting all major destinations and all neighbourhoods across the municipality. A key feature of the Plan is the Spirit Trail Greenway, part of the North Shore Spirit Trail, which is envisioned to ultimately link Deep Cove to Horseshoe Bay. The section of the Spirit Trail from Park Royal to 13 Street was completed in May, 2010. A second section through Squamish Nation from Park Royal to the municipal boundary with the District of North Vancouver will go to construction this Fall.

Meanwhile, the District's Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) was completed in March, 2010, which was received by Council on April 26, 2010. The STP presents a vision for the future of all modes of transportation, including cycling. As a work plan goal for 2011, the STP recommended that the Cycling Network and Greenway Plan be updated.

2.0 Balanced Scorecard

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES	2011 MILESTONE	2012 MILESTONE
1.3.3 Complete and implement the Strategic Transportation Plan (STP) and share in the responsibility for regional transportation/transit	Update Cycling Network and Greenway Plan for Council approval	Continue implementing the STP....

3.0 Analysis

3.1 Discussion

Staff recently reviewed the 2007 Cycling Network and Greenway Plan and concluded that not only are the policy goals of the Plan consistent with the STP, the actual proposed network remains valid and relevant for implementation. Since the Cycling Network and Greenway Plan was approved by Council, resources have gone into realizing the Spirit Trail, and the District has been challenged with respect to development of on-street bicycle routes on existing roadways. For example, works have been limited to incremental improvements, such as cyclist-activated pushbutton crossing signals, as intersections are upgraded. However, staff do not consider necessary wholesale changes that would result from an updated Cycling Network and Greenway Plan, rather, additional study of implementable routes to determine priority actions and associated funding options may be a more beneficial exercise.

A suggested work plan for developing a Cycling Network Implementation Plan, which would serve as a companion document to the Cycling Network and Greenway Plan is as follows:

- Develop list of cycling routes requiring more study;
- Develop list of potential improvements (e.g., signage, pavement markings);
- Focus on specific, high priority routes and prepare preliminary plans; and
- Prepare details for implementation that could be incorporated into a future capital plan.

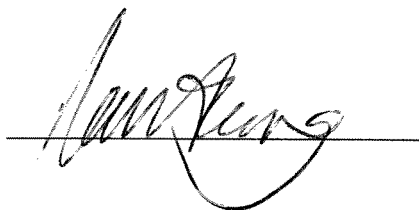
3.2 Consultation

The District has utilized Working Groups for completing discrete tasks requiring significant public input, and staff propose that a Cycling Network Implementation Plan Working Group be established to complete the work described above. Both the Spirit Trail Greenway Community Engagement Strategy, as well as the Strategic Transportation Plan were developed by citizen-led committees that directed work of staff and consultants to achieve a specific product. While both those Working Groups were disbanded following completion of their assignments, many of the residents

involved have since formed a North Shore chapter of the Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition (VACC-NS).

The Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition is a non-profit society, whose goal is to make cycling an attractive choice for everyone. Through advocacy, education and events, this organization is a cycling resource for the entire Metro Vancouver region. Approaching members of the VACC-NS to serve as members of a Cycling Network Implementation Working Group would be a good resource to obtain detailed input from the cycling community. Further, enlisting members of the VACC-NS, who served on the Spirit Trail Greenway Community Engagement Strategy and the Strategic Transportation Plan Working Groups would ensure continuity with these past District assignments related to transportation and cycling policy. Thus, staff recommend that creation of a Cycling Network Implementation Plan Working Group be referred to the Community Engagement Committee.

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