



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022
ZOOM MEETING
MINUTES
7:00 – 9:00 PM**

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Peter Miasek, Vice Chair
Steve Glassman, Vice Chair
Amit Arora
Colin Cassar
Anthony Ko
Elisabeth Tan
Doug Wolfe
Jozsef Zerczi
Paul Salvo
Mauricio Martinez
Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton
Councillor Reid McAlpine, Ward 3
Councillor Isa Lee, Ward 8

Guests:

Nelson Costa, Corridor Control, York Region
Ann Gordon, Resident

Staff:

Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator, Transportation
Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation
Anna Lee, Clerks

Agency:

Gerald Carnegie, YRP
David Simor, TCAT, Markham Cycles
Reena Mistry, YRDSB YRCSB

Regrets:

Zain Khan
Daniel Yeung
Gerry Shaw
Niko Dimitrakopoulos, YRP
Diana Kakamousias, York Region

The Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) convened at 7:03 PM with David Rawcliffe in the Chair.

1. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of conflicts of interest.

2. APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

Approval of modification to Agenda to have 6.2 School Programs & Pilots update presented by Reena Mistry before 4.1 York Region Traveller Safety Strategy and to add 6.10 Open Street update by Peter Miasek.

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM: February 17, 2022

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Steve Glassman

That the Minutes from the February 17, 2022 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

6. STANDING ITEMS & ON-GOING PROJECTS

6.2 School Programs & Pilots

Reena Mistry, YRDSB provided an update on the active school travel (AST) program. She noted that the current primary focus is the planning and implementation of the School Streets Test Program in May. The program is on track with the communications plan where letters are scheduled for delivery to school parents, students and local residents by end of March. The local Ward Councillor has been notified and positive feedback was received.

YRDSB is also working with Newmarket to implement many of the AST tools initiated in Markham, such as signage, sidewalk stencils, pavement marking etc. Also, Vaughan will be using wayfinding signage templates developed by Markham at a number of schools.

There was a question about program extension after June 2022. Reena explained a full report with a summary of the various AST tools and School Street test program will be prepared in the summer. The overall AST program will be reviewed to determine the next steps.

4. PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM GUEST SPEAKERS

4.1 York Region Traveller Safety Strategy

Nelson Costa, Manager of Corridor Control & Safety, York Region, gave an update of the preliminary development of the Traveler Safety Strategy (TSS). The Traveler Safety Strategy is a multi-year project (from 2023-2027) with the goal to develop an action plan for each traveller. The TSS will include the following key elements:

- Adopt a safe systems approach that prioritizes safety around roads, speeds, people, and vehicles.
- A project steering committee will be established with representatives from the 9 municipalities, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, York Regional Police, and other stakeholder agencies. A consultant with industry experience will be retained by York Region to oversee the project.
- A regional traffic data warehouse will be launched to collect various traffic data, and will be used as an analytic tool to produce reports. In addition, information will be collected

from transportation, public health, police data, vehicle trajectory data, human factors science, location-based risk exposure and geospatial analysis. The data can be used to develop new measures, technologies and road design to provide safety enhancement.

- Various existing safety measures and programs will also be reviewed and expanded.
- A communication plan to solicit feedback from stakeholders and public through various platform.

It was noted that the next step of the project is to retain a qualified transportation safety consultant, prepare for an initial meeting and develop the strategy in 2022/2023. A list of safety initiatives planned in Markham was also presented.

There were a number of questions from the Committee:

- Would the ETR407 and Warden collision be addressed? It was noted that review of safe highway interchanges is included in the TSS Terms of Reference, and YR will continue to work with the Ministry on this issue.
- Is “Safe System Approach” the same as Vision Zero? Nelson explained that the study embraces Vision Zero principles to enhance safety, but would not guarantee zero injury or fatality. Safety system approaches are designed to put in measures to correct behaviours.
- Markham has a budget to develop a Road Safety Strategy, how does this study relate to that? It was noted that aside from Markham, other municipalities are also working to develop similar strategies. York Region is working closely and in-line with local municipalities to develop the TSS.
- Are injuries on a sidewalk during winter part of the project scope? It was noted that the project uses a data-driven approach. Any injuries data that is claimed or reported should be included in the study. Data from hospitals will be also be reviewed.
- Will micromobility be included? It was noted the micromobility is a subset of active transportation, where pedestrians and cyclists are the main focus.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

5.1 CPAC 2022 Workplan

Steve Glassman presented a list of CPAC Subcommittees and indicated the lead of each subcommittee. Additional committee members are asked to join the Innovation subcommittee.

It was suggested that the subcommittees begin meeting and report back at the next meeting. Also Steve Glassman to provide a short description of each subcommittee and circulate through email. Committee members can reach out to Chairs if they are interested to volunteer for any of the subcommittees.

6. STANDING ITEMS & ON-GOING PROJECTS

6.1 City's Ongoing AT Project Updates

City Staff presented updates on various City's Active Transportation projects, including:

- John St. MUP tender (construction) has been released and will close on Tuesday, April 5th.
- New traffic signals and PXOs in school zones combined tender closed. Next step is to evaluate and award the contract by end of April.
- Copper Creek Drive PXOs design tender will soon be released.

6.3 Active Transportation Master Plan

City Staff presented an update on the Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP).

The ATMP study design guidelines for separated cycling facilities have been completed. The final report is pending formatting for accessibility compliance. Staff is working to make all ATMP materials and information available on the website.

Staff is also preparing the 5 and 10-Year Capital Implementation Plan and a DSC report for April 11th. The Implementation Plan includes priority network plans, 5-year project list, capital and operating cost, and funding sources.

There was a question on pedestrians and programming in the Implementation Plan. Staff noted that pedestrian priority and recommendations in the ATMP are subject to further study. In terms of programming, many of these are existing with funding in place. Expansion of these programs are subject to budget availability.

6.4 Reports to Council

City staff presented the list of upcoming reports to Council tentatively scheduled for March and April. All the General Committee and DSC meetings have agendas available and are open to the public.

6.5 EA Updates

City staff presented an upcoming public EA open house for York Region's Warden Avenue and Kennedy Road from Major Mackenzie Drive & Elgin Mills Road. More information is available at www.York.ca/WardenKennedyStudy and Committee members are encourage to submit comments by March 24th, 2022.

6.6 Markham Cycling Day

There was no update.

6.7 York Region Projects

There was no update.

6.8 Subcommittee Updates – Winter Pedestrian

Peter Miasek presented an update on Winter Pedestrian subcommittee. The subcommittee held a meeting with the City's Operations team on March 3rd and revised minutes were sent to the attendees. The meeting focused on a number of problem areas for winter pedestrians, including school pathways and sidewalk snow plowing. Operations will reach out to the York Region District School Board on clearing pathways to schools and the issue of snow on sidewalks after they have been plowed. There is a need to look at roads without sidewalks and having those roads plowed to sidewalk standards (not road standards). The subcommittee will draft a memo for the committee to endorse on this issue.

6.9 Road Safety

There was no update.

6.10 Open Streets

Peter Miasek provided an update on the Open Streets program. The subcommittee is making good progress and decisions will be dependant on sponsor funds. The first project is the Middlefield Open Street, which is the closing of a stretch of 1.0km every Sunday and statutory holiday in the summer.

Another project under consideration is road resizing on Markham Road between the GO train tracks and 16th Avenue. The roads would be reduced to 2 lanes using construction barrels in the summer. This is undergoing discussion between Subcommittee and City staff.

6.11 Markham Cycles

There was no update.

6.12 2022 Budget Process and AT related items

There was no update.

6.13 E-bike / E-scooter (Micro Mobility Framework)

There was no update.

7. INFO ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 CPAC Membership Update

Staff provided an updated committee member list with expiry terms, and indicated some members are not eligible for renewal as voting members. Clerks have advised that they will review the membership after the municipal elections later this year, so no changes or decisions are required at the moment. Clerks will provide instructions for next steps with new member recruitment and reappointments once there is further information.

7.2 Land Developments in Thornhill

There are a few major developments in Thornhill which includes Langstaff Gateway, Thornhill Square, Ladies Golf Club and Shouldice Hospital. The committee would like to ensure that active transportation modes are considered within these developments. Sidewalks and pathways need to be designed and connected with active transportation in mind. The City is also aware of the need to mitigate traffic congestion and travel demand from these developments and active transportation modes are a valuable component to alleviate traffic.

7.3 Unionville Main Street Streetscape – CPAC Input

At the February 22 and March 8 DSC meetings, Council approved a multi-million dollar budget to enhance Unionville Main Street's streetscape to make the street more pedestrian friendly. A consultant has been confirmed and the advisory committee for this project will include two CPAC representatives (Peter Miasek and Colin Cassar), as well as Councillor Reid McAlpine. The first advisory committee meeting will be held in late March or early April. A representative from the Accessibility committee will also be part of the advisory committee. The streetscaping work will begin this fall with major construction in summer of 2023.

7.4 Concerns of CPAC Member(s) to be discussed in April

Paul Salvo would like to discuss Jane's Walk at the April meeting. The event did not happen for 2 years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Three walks will be organized (Cornell, Thornhill, and Main Street Markham) this year during the first weekend of May – May 6, 7 and 8. Details are being finalized, and information will be sent to the committee members.

7.5 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

There were no additions.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:00 PM.