



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
MINUTES**

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Members:

Peter Miasek, Chair
Steve Glassman, Co-Vice Chair
Anthony Ko
Cliff Chan
Colin Cassar
Daniel Yeung
David Mok
Doug Wolfe
Joseph Lisi

Guests:

Nelson Costa, York Region

Staff:

Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation
Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator, Transportation
John Britto, Committee Secretary (PT)

Agency:

Cynthia Chan, York Region Public Health
Manini Pathania, Smart Commute
Reena Mistry, York Region District School Board

Regrets:

Amit Arora, Citizen member
Andrew Dang, Citizen member
Brenda Kazan, Citizen member
David Simor, Markham Cycles
Diana Kakamousias, York Region Transportation
Gerard Carnegie, York Regional Police
Joska Zerczi, Citizen member
Maurizio Martinez, Citizen member
Niko Dimitrakopoulos, York Regional Police
Councillor Reid McAlpine, Ward 3
Councillor Ritch Lau, Ward 2
Sonia Sanita, York Region Public Health
Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute

CALL TO ORDER

Peter Miasek, Chair, convened the Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) at 7:04 PM.

1. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There was no disclosure of conflicts of interest.

2. APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

There was no modification to the Agenda.

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM: June 15, 2023

Moved by Anthony Ko
Seconded by David Mok

That the Minutes of the June 15, 2023, Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting be approved, as presented.

Carried

4. PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM GUEST SPEAKERS

4.1 York Region Traveller Safety Plan

Nelson Costa, Manager, Corridor Control and Safety, Public Works, York Region provided a presentation on the York Region Traveller Safety Plan.

Mr. Costa provided details of next steps of the Plan – Phase 1, Engagement and surveys (February to May 2023); Phase 2, Data Analysis (June to August 2023); and Phase 3, Develop Plan for Approval (Fall 2023). He further advised that efforts are being made to finalize outreach and hold technical meetings, finalize tasks and deliverables, finalize safety data analysis, and identifying qualified countermeasures, and finally present the Plan to York Region Council on November 9, 2023.

Mr. Costa spoke on recommendations and action plan – identify how to address safety issues and create an action plan for each type of traveller. He also spoke about performance metrics and monitoring. Results of safety measures piloted at four intersections indicated 60% reduction in total collisions and 75% reduction in angle collisions, which typically result in serious injury.

Mr. Costa advised that expanded safety measures in the City of Markham include the implementation of “no right turn on red” (NROR) at the following seven intersections:

- 16th Avenue and Main Street Markham/Highway 48;
- 16th Avenue and Woodbine Avenue;
- Highway 7 and Kennedy Road;
- Highway 7 and McCowan Road;
- Kennedy Road at The Bridle Trail;
- Kennedy Road at Carlton Road; and
- McCowan Road and Carlton Road/Raymerville Drive.

Mr. Costa advised that positive results indicated between 30% to 80% reduction in conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians, no reported collisions involving pedestrians and cyclists since implementation of the pilot, positive feedback received from pedestrians and cyclists. Negative feedback received indicated more than 200 resident concerns about unnecessary delays when pedestrian and cyclists were not present. As a result, the NROR program was modified to only be in force at certain times of day.

Mr. Costa advised that other pedestrian and cyclist safety measures include:

- Pedestrian head start, and fully protected left turns will be implemented from late 2023 to 2025 at:
 - Kennedy Road and The Bridle Trail (completed);
 - Kennedy Road and Carlton Road (completed);
 - McCowan Road and Carlton Road/Raymerville Drive (Q4 2023);
 - Highway 7 and Kennedy Road (2024);
 - Highway 7 and McCowan Road (2025); and
 - 16th Avenue and Woodbine Avenue (2025).
- Addressing vulnerable road user safety is a emphasis area in the Plan.

Mr. Costa responded to questions and comments from staff and committee members. He noted that the program name will incorporate the term “Vision Zero”, consistent with CPAC position.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

5.1 Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chairs

Anthony Ko nominated Peter Miasek as Chair and Steve Glassman as Co-Vice Chair. There were no further nominations.

Moved by Anthony Ko
Seconded by Doug Wolfe

That Peter Miasek be appointed as Chair and Steve Glassman be appointed as Co-Vice Chair, respectively.

Carried

Anthony Ko nominated Joska Zerczi for the position of second Co-Vice Chair, but as he was not present at the meeting, the Committee agreed to defer the election of the second Co-Vice Chair to the November 16, 2023, official CPAC meeting.

6. STANDING ITEMS & ON-GOING PROJECTS

6.1 City's Ongoing AT Project Updates St

Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator, provided an update on the following active transportation projects:

- Markham Centre Trail – Phase 3 detailed design is currently at 60%, anticipated to be completed by Q4 2023. Staff is currently working on the Markham Centre Trail Master Plan study and a report will be presented to Council by Q4 2023. It is anticipated that the ESR will be available for public review by Q4 2023.
- Rouge Valley Trail Signage – installation has commenced, warning signs from 14th Ave to Markham Rd. are complete, wayfinding signs are expected to be completed by Q4 2023.
- Victoria Square Boulevard – Phase 1 utility relocation is under construction and is expected to be completed by spring 2024, staff is currently working on detailed design, expected date of completion by spring 2024.
- Copper Creek PXO – two PXOs on Copper Creek Dr. at Boswell Rd. and Rizal Ave have been completed and are currently operational.
- John Street MUP – completed and open to users.
- Cycling & Trail Map Update – updated and available for download, staff is working to incorporate comments from CPAC, field investigations of proposed shared roadway sections to be included onto the cycling network, hard copies will be available by November 2023.
- Traffic Calming of Main St. Markham and Carlton Rd. – RFP process is currently underway, consultant contract likely to be awarded in October 2023. Project timing is tied to INFC-ATF funding which requires project completion by March 2026.
- Apple Creek Boulevard Corridor Safety Improvements – a road diet is recommended for Apple Creek Blvd. between Woodbine Ave and Warden Ave to improve overall road safety. An in-person public consultation meeting has been organized on September 27, 2023, at the Markham Civic Centre between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. Public can comment on www.yourvoicemarkham.ca.

An inquiry was made re construction underway north of 16th Ave near Markland Rd. It was advised this was a new crossing of Highway 404. The active transportation facility will be a MUP on one side and a sidewalk on the other side of the road.

6.2 School Programs & Pilots

Reena Mistry provided an update on the recently launched Active School Travel Program for 2023 in the Parkland, Aldergrove and Becket Farm Public Schools. The Board is working on installing wayfinding signage, sidewalk stenciling, pavement markings, and enhanced cross walks.

6.3 Reports to Council

Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator advised that the Markham Transportation Strategic Plan Terms of Reference report will be presented to Council on September 26th and a City-Wide Parking Study Workshop for Council is currently being planned at a Special Development Services Committee meeting yet to be determined.

Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation advised that the Markham Transportation Strategic Plan has been renamed to the Markham Transportation Master Plan.

6.4 EA Updates

No update was provided on this item.

6.5 Markham Cycling Day Staff

No update was provided on this item.

6.6 York Region Projects

Consideration of this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

6.7 Subcommittee Updates Subcommittee

Peter Miasek, Chair provided a brief update on the various sub-committees of the CPAC for the benefit of the new members. He advised that he will circulate a list of the various sub-committees to the committee.

Peter spoke at length about the Protected Intersections sub-committee and the great feedback received on the work done by this sub-committee. He suggested that members review the minutes of previous meetings so they can get an idea of the work done by these sub-committees.

6.8 Road Safety

Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation provided an update on the matter considered at the July 8, 2023, Development Services Committee meeting. He advised that the RFP for a consultant for Markham road safety work will be released in late October/early November. The program will focus on improving safety measures on local and collector roads, and the study will involve a review of the current traffic calming policy, which will be open for public comment. Steve Glassman, Co-Vice Chair suggested that staff prepare a communication plan for City of Markham residents as part of the implementation program. He also suggested that CPAC should weigh in on this matter and make recommendations for Council's consideration.

Mr. Nelson Costa, York Region Transit advised that the Town of Newmarket is developing an in-house Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program with a potential release of the program in 2024. He further advised that the City of Toronto is processing a high volume of ASE tickets. York Region is also looking at its own processing centre, and an offer has been extended to its local partners with a cost-neutral approach.

6.9 Open Street

There was no update provided on Open Street.

6.10 Markham Cycles

There was no update provided on Markham Cycles.

6.11 2024 Budget for AT related items & CPAC Budget

Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator, advised that the 2024 Budget review process continues. The following list of AT-related Capital Projects, Annual Programs and Other Studies/Initiatives was presented to the Committee:

Capital Projects	Annual AT Programs	Other Studies/Initiatives
Apple Creek Blvd. Road Safety Improvement	CPAC	Markham School Zone Safety Guideline
ATMP – 5 locations design and CA	Markham Cycles	National Active School Streets Initiative
Markham Centre Trail Phase 3 - Construction	Markham Cycling Day	
Markham Centre Trail Phase 4 - Design	PXO Design and Construction	
RVT – Phase 4B	Smart Commute MRH	
South Unionville Pavement Markham & Signage	New Traffic Signals (Construction)	
Sidewalk Program (Construction)		
Enterprise Blvd. @ Rouge Valley Dr. Pedestrian Crossing		

Responding to a question from Peter Miasek, Chair, Mr. Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation, advised that this is the list provided for consideration to Senior Management, and will be reviewed as part of the budget process.

In the interest of time, Peter Miasek, Chair suggested that the slides be circulated to the Committee for further discussion at the next meeting in November.

6.12 E-Bike/ E-Scooter (Micro Mobility Framework)

Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator provided an overview on the staff report that was provided to the Development Services Committee on September 11, 2023. The report outlined the current regulatory requirements on the use of micro-mobility devices in Ontario, the benefits and challenges of operating e-bikes and e-scooters. The City of Markham and the City of Vaughan have secured a shared funding of \$2.5 million from the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network (OVIN) for two years to deploy an Auto Mobility Demonstration Zone. This program will have dedicated physical locations for showcasing advanced automotive technologies and smart mobility solutions. One of the projects being considered is a shared e-scooter service in Markham Centre. Further details of this joint venture are to be determined.

6.13 Discussion topics for 2023

This item was not discussed.

7. INFO ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no new business.

7.1 2023 CPAC Budget Update & Discussion

Peter Miasek, Chair advised that the CPAC usually gets a \$28,000 budget and advise staff what to spend this money on, as the Committee has no decision-making authority. He advised that as indicated by the chart on the slide presented by Fion Ho, \$20,000 of the allocated budget has been spent, leaving a balance of \$8,000.

Potential Budget Items:	Amount in \$
School Street Pilot & Active Travel School	10,000.00
Jane's Walk Promotion	500.00
Trails & Cycling Map Printing	4,500.00
Markham Cycling Day Support	5,000.00
Promotional items? Studies? Meeting?	
Total	20,000.00
Remaining Balance	8, 000.00

Staff have proposed the following four suggestions to consume the balance of \$8,000.00:

1. Donation to Cycling Without Age;
2. Purchase bike lights for giveaways to the public;
3. Initial funding for "State of Cycling Report" with the balance to be funded from the 2024 CPAC budget; and
4. Purchase additional bike repair stations.

Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation advised of a potential issue with spreading the funding over two fiscal years for the “State of Cycling Report”.

Fion Ho, TDC Coordinator advised currently there is no stock of bicycle lights, which is a very popular item among younger bikers, and suggested that it would be advisable to replenish this stock.

Moved by Steve Glassman

Seconded by Daniel Yeung

1. That \$3,000.00 be allocated for the purchase of appropriate promotional items like bicycle bells;
2. That \$4,400.00 be allocated towards funding for Cycling Without Age; and
3. That \$600.00 be allocated as additional funding for the Active School Travel Program.

Carried

8. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

Peter Miasek, Chair advised that an informal CPAC meeting will be held virtually on October 19, and the next official meeting will be held on November 16.

9. Adjournment

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:06 PM.