



The Regional Municipality of Durham

Durham Active Transportation Committee (DATC) Agenda

Thursday, September 24, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers
Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

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1 Roll Call

2 Declarations of Interest

3 Adoption of Minutes

- A) Durham Active Transportation Committee meeting held on June 11, 2020 ([Attachment 1](#))

4 Presentations

- A) Durham Traffic – Pedestrian and Cycling Update – Steven Kemp, Durham Region
B) Durham Regional Cycling Plan Update #2 – Claire Basinski (WSP) & Dave McLaughlin (WSP)

5 Discussion Items

6 Information Items

7 Other Business

8 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, December 10, 2020 (to be determined)

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MINUTES

DURHAM ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 11, 2020

A meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, June 11, 2020 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:01 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: R. Lalonde, Whitby, Chair
P. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair
J. Bate, Oshawa attended the meeting at 7:08 PM
M. Gibbons, Scugog
K. Haines, Ajax
A. Heywood, Pickering
C. Kobelka, Clarington

*** all members of Committee, except Chair Lalonde, participated electronically**

Absent: J. Martin, Brock
R. Kerr, Regional Councillor, Oshawa
S. Lee, Regional Councillor, Ajax, Alternate

Staff

Present: A. Caruso, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
D. Culp, Planning Analyst, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
C. Goodchild, Manager, Policy Planning & Special Studies, Planning and Economic Development
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. McEleney, Transit Planner, Strategic Planning, Planning and Economic Development
G. Muller, Director of Planning, Planning and Economic Development
G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
A. Tulloch, Planning Analyst, Transportation Planning, Strategic Planning, Planning and Economic Development
M. White, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Penak, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
C. Tennesco, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

P. Smith asked that the December 12, 2020 DATC minutes be amended by deleting the word “next” on page 6 under Item 6. A) Other Business, in the fourth paragraph. He noted that the Sub-Committee’s first meeting was scheduled to be held, prior to the March 12, 2020 meeting, and requested the minutes be amended, accordingly.

Moved by P. Smith, Seconded by C. Kobelka,
That the minutes of the Durham Active Transportation Committee meeting held on December 12, 2019, as amended, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Claire Basinski, Project Manager, Cristina Valente, Senior Project Planner, and Dave McLaughlin, Senior Project Manager of WSP; and Justin Jones, Manager, Share the Road, re: Regional Cycling Plan (RCP) Update

Claire Basinski, Cristina Valente and Dave McLaughlin, WSP; and Justin Jones, Share the Road, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Regional Cycling Plan (RCP).

C. Basinski outlined the background and process for the 2020 Regional Cycling Plan (RCP). Key highlights included:

- Developing the 2020 RCP
 - Phase 1: Background Review (Winter / Spring 2020)
 - Phase 2: Program Update (Summer / Fall 2020)
 - Phase 3: Finalize the Study (Winter 2020)
 - Why update the Plan?
 - The 2020 RCP is meant to reflect five Regional goals that have emerged since 2012
- Revisiting the Primary Cycling Network
 - Primary Cycling Network Process
 - Local Cycling Network Adoptions
 - Guidelines and Standards
 - Updating and Creating Alignment Criteria
 - Identified long and short term routes
 - 3 Step Approach
 - Step 1: Pre-Select facility type options
 - Step 2: Detailed and contextual evaluation
 - Step 3: Document and justify
 - Primary Cycling Network (PCN) Consideration 1: Cyclist Types
 - Primary Cycling Network (PCN) Consideration 2: User demand

- Primary Cycling Network (PCN) Consideration 3: User Conflicts
- RCP Foundations
 - Foundation #1: Policy Review
 - Foundation #2: Best Practices
 - Foundation #3: Stakeholder interviews
- Engagement Process and Input Gathered
 - Consultation and Engagement
 - Workshop Overview
 - Input Received
 - MetroQuest Engagement Tool

C. Basinski advised that the engagement process included input gathered through the MetroQuest's series of 3 Activities, tailored and targeted, to identify the priorities for the Regional Cycling Plan Update (RCPU) based on new and emerging trends. She reviewed the results and comments arising from these Activities and noted that the participants ranked "Enhanced Safety, Increased Connectivity and Building Healthy Communities" as their top three (3) cycling plan principles. Comments also included opportunities for network improvements; the need to identify critical components of the cycling network, design and preferences related to cycling infrastructure; and, events and promotions.

J. Jones advised that next steps include a summer engagement strategy to provide an update on the Round 1 engagement; collect the Committee's input on strategies and implementation; and also collect input on the network design, programs and policy. He noted that Phase 2 next steps and preferences will focus on refining the Region's Primary Cycling Network (PCN); and identifying 4 to 6 specific strategies related to cycling.

J. Jones presented the following questions for the Committee's consideration and the Committee provided the following input:

1. How do you think we should engage with the public on the RCPU, considering COVID-19, and desired objectives?
 - Virtual Public Information Centres
 - Host a virtual live meeting, similar to the Town Hall meetings, with the opportunity for suggestions prior to or during the event
 - A digital on-line "Question and Answer" session
 - Look at coordinating a brochure / mail out insert, on the Regional Cycling Plan, with the Finance Department
 - Engagement Strategy Survey
 - Sharetheroad.ca: How communities are reallocating road space during the pandemic
2. What do you think are the most critical strategy topics that should be addressed in Phase 2 of the RCP we should engage with the public on the Regional Cycling Plan Update (RCPU)? Name up to 4.

C. Basinski invited the Committee to email any comments or suggestions regarding the Regional Cycling Plan Update to Dave McLaughlin, Project Consultant, WSP.

C. Basinski responded to questions regarding the level of information the Committee is engaged in versus the stakeholder's engagement process; and future opportunities for the Members to comment on the emerging trends from 2012 to-date. Discussion followed regarding the Committee's engagement on the Regional Cycling Plan stakeholder's interviews; the review of the best practices; and the emerging policy work.

Discussion also ensued on the primary Regional cycling map; the need for input on the missing links from the survey; and strategies to emphasize health and equity such as the Priority Neighbourhoods and Vision Zero initiatives.

D. McLaughlin and J. Jones responded to questions regarding how to reconcile the need to improve facility infrastructures such as buffered bike lanes; measures to reduce speed limits to provide a safer cycling infrastructure; and the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 guidelines.

5. Discussion Items

A) Regional Cycling Plan Update – Question and Answer Session

C. Basinski responded to questions regarding discussions with key stakeholders including Metrolinx and Durham Region Transit on the location for future GO Transit Stations and Regional Transit Hubs to leverage opportunities around the first and last mile catchment areas; the inclusion of the DRT's post and ring bike racks parking amenities; and opportunities for a Regional core spine map that would integrate the municipal core spine maps into one document to identify the network gaps; integrating the Provincial-wide cycling network with the Regional Cycling Plan including the Oak Ridges Moraine Trail and the Greenbelt Trail; and the potential to explore road calming initiatives to assist with the prevention of accidents / incidents and to also promote healthy outdoor walking and cycling initiatives, during COVID-19.

Discussion ensued regarding the potential for dedicated funding avenues for cycling infrastructure costs; and, road rehabilitation projects.

6. Information Items

There were no information items to be considered.

7. Other Business

Moved by M. Gibbons, Seconded by P. Smith,
That the Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to introduce a
motion with respect to walk signal automation at Regional traffic
intersections.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING RECORDED
VOTE (a 2/3rds vote was attained):

Yes

No

J. Bates
M. Gibbons
A. Heywood
P. Smith
Chair LaLonde

Members Absent: Keith Haines
C. Kobelka

Declarations of Interest: None

A) Walk Signal Automation at Regional Traffic Intersections

Discussion ensued regarding the advantages of automated traffic lights in the Region of Durham to automatically award pedestrians a walk signal whenever a green light is granted to motorists travelling in the same direction.

Moved by M. Gibbons, Seconded by P. Smith,
Whereas as a result of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Region of Durham declared a state of emergency on March 24, 2020, to slow the spread of virus; and

Whereas the Region of Durham Health Department states that “COVID-19 can be spread from person to person”, among others, through “touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands”; and

Whereas certain signalized traffic intersections in the Region of Durham automatically award walk signals for pedestrians in one direction, but not others; and

Whereas pedestrians must physically press “beg buttons” at signalized intersections to request a walk signal to cross the street; and

Whereas hand sanitization facilities are not provided at signalized intersections; and

Whereas failing to press “beg buttons”, or failing to press them in time, may result in a green light being awarded to motorists but not to people walking in the same direction; and

Whereas people actively avoiding unsanitized surfaces, like beg-buttons, may find themselves with insufficient time to clear the intersection before the light changes should they decide to cross regardless, or, may choose to jaywalk;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Durham Region Active Transportation Committee recommends that traffic lights in the Region of Durham be programmed to award pedestrians a walk signal whenever a green light is granted to motorists travelling in the same direction.

REFERRED TO STAFF
(See Following Motion)

Moved by M. Gibbons, Seconded by J. Bates,
That the foregoing motion of M. Gibbons and J. Bates be referred back to staff to consult with Works staff and report back to the Durham Active Transportation Committee.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING
RECORDED VOTE:

Yes

No

J. Bates
M. Gibbons
K. Haines
A. Heywood
P. Smith
Chair LaLonde

Members Absent: C. Kobelka

Declarations of Interest: None

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2020 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

9. Adjournment

Moved by K. Haines, Seconded by P. Smith,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM

R. Lalonde, Chair
Durham Active Transportation Committee

C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk