



FINAL Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2020

5:15PM –7:45PM

Heritage Room, City Hall

Meeting No. 20.02

Prepared by Christy McKenzie

Members Present:

Charles Kelly (Chair), Isabell Hubert Lyall (Vice Chair), Bob Macklon, Bryan Shepherd, William Agbakoba, Jarret Esslinger, Philip Reid, Mudasser Seraj, Ngoan Do, Giselle General

Regrets: Steve Bradshaw (President, ATU 569), Jorge Arango, Marc Lachance

Guests:

n/a

ETS & City of Edmonton Staff:

Howaida Hassan, General Supervisor, City Plan

Pablo Orozco, Senior Engineer, Mobility Strategies

Carrie Hotton-MacDonald, ETS Director of Business Integration and Workforce Development

Councillor Andrew Knack, ETSAB Council Advisor

Christy McKenzie, Administrative Assistant, ETSAB

Materials & Attachments:

- Meeting Agenda & Draft Meeting Minutes
- ETS Branch Highlights Report
- Draft Minutes for Work Planning Annual Retreat
- Draft ETSAB 2020-2021 Annual Work Plan
- Draft TOR Transit and Vulnerable Users
- Copy of ETS Report: Further Analysis of Alternate Transit Solutions
- Copy of RTSC Accelerating Transit in Edmonton Metropolitan Region
- Copy of Transit Talk Vol. 40, by the Electric Traction Committee of the Edmonton Trolley Coalition

CALL TO ORDER 5:30 PM

AGENDA REVIEW

DECISION

MOVED: by G. General to approve the February 24th, 2020 agenda.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

DECISION

MOVED: by I. Hubert Lyall to approve the January 27th, 2020 minutes.

CARRIED

MOVED: by B. Macklon to approve the February 8th, 2020 Annual Work Plan Retreat minutes.

CARRIED

FOR APPROVAL

DECISION

Draft Terms of Reference Transit and Vulnerable Users

C. Kelly

- Charlie presented the draft TOR on Transit and Vulnerable Users for review and feedback. Jarret requested consideration for the sub-committee to connect with Indigenous Relations groups as a stakeholder in the topic, such as the City of Edmonton's Indigenous Relations group, and the Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society.
- Carrie requested to be invited to attend a sub-committee meeting to provide members with ETS' 2-3 year plan related to the TOR.
- The proposed dates for upcoming meetings are set for Thursdays: March 19, April 16, and May 14.

MOVED: by B. Shepherd to approve the Draft Terms of Reference Transit and Vulnerable Users.

CARRIED

Draft Annual Work Plan for 2020-2021 Board Term

C. Kelly

- The Draft Annual Work Plan for 2020-2021 was reviewed and discussed, with changes requested:
 - Remove Line 3, as the table added at the end of the Plan document replaces it.
 - Remove deliverables from the Transit Innovation standing committee, it is not applicable.

MOVED: by I. Hubert Lyall to approve the Draft Annual Work Plan for the 2020-2021 Board Term, with the following changes: remove line 3, and remove deliverables from Transit Innovation section.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

INFORMATION

The City Plan

H. Hassan and P. Orozco

- An overview of The City Plan, a refresh on the structure, current status, and next steps were presented by Howaida and Pablo. The fifth and final report to Urban Planning Committee on March 16, 2020 in preparation for the Public Hearing on May 27, 2020.
- The City Plan is about planning for Edmonton as we grow to a city of two million people. Many long-term plans plan based on time-horizons, but this plan is using a population horizon, which makes the plan more resilient to change. The City Plan is part of a broader strategic planning approach and linked to Council's strategic plan. The corporate business plan, budget and enterprise management will all play a role in implementing the plan.
- In addition to council's four goals, there are six guiding values of the plan which set up the structure for the plan. The Plan represents two main ideas: Essential City, and Future City. It was clear that as the City grows, there are some things that Edmontonians want to stay the same about Edmonton. This is the "Essential City" component of the plan. There are also lots of ideas from citizens about how to make Edmonton a better place as the City grows. This is captured by the "Future City" component of the plan. The Future City is represented by the following 5 concepts, which we call "Big City Moves":
 - Greener as we Grow is about increasing our environmental sustainability and preservation as we grow
 - Rebuild-able City is about recognizing that city building is a constant process that is never "done", and that we need to be smart about repurposing what we have as we grow
 - Community of Communities is about enabling Edmontonians to get around easily, and accessing their daily needs within their district by foot or rolling, biking and transit
 - Inclusive and compassionate recognizes that there is some work we need to do to be inclusive of the people who have lived here for generations, and also to welcome the next million people to our city
 - Catalyze and converge is about working together to ensure a bright future through innovation, attracting talent and investment.
- The City Plan has 260 policies available at edmonton.ca/thecityplan. The City Plan will replace The Ways documents, including the [Municipal Development Plan](#) and [Transportation Master Plan](#). Pablo highlighted a few of the transit related policies:
 - 4.0 ACCESS is about accessing public space, living close to daily needs, and providing a variety of transportation options (other than cars). There is a focus on improving public transit and active transportation which comes with many benefits, including health and

reducing GHG emissions.

- 4.1 contains policies which strive to support inclusive transportation options for Edmontonians of all ages, abilities and incomes by creating good quality design transit facilities, incorporating new technology into our mobility network, responding to gaps and creating connectivity. The goal is to create mobility networks that ensure that mobility is not a barrier for any Edmontonians, and seek to ensure the safety of all users of City infrastructure, including safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users, and the equitable access of affordable services and amenities to all Edmontonians.
 - 4.2 highlights the importance of tying land use with transportation and using the mobility system as both a way to support urban intensification but also create seamless travel, where Edmontonians can conveniently fulfill their daily needs. These policies seek to focus on public transit (specifically mass transit) and active modes.
 - In 4.3 the aim is to ensure that the mobility system enables the efficient movement of people and goods within Edmonton and the region. Promoting regional connectivity and shared prosperity through coordination, communication and advocacy is stressed, with a focus on public transit as a key to accomplishing these intentions. In particular, mass transit is called out as a way to connect people to destinations. A map that visually depicts the City Plan Mass Transit Network was presented. The City Plan is proposing two families of routes as part of the mass transit network: City wide routes which build on the current LRT network and provide more reliable cross town travel (including a connection to the Airport). There are also District routes which provide frequent and rapid access within and between different districts of the City. Additionally mobility hubs are identified in strategically located areas of the City which will provide the ability for Edmontonians to better interact with the transit system and surrounding land uses.
 - An overview of the recent [Mass Transit Study](#) was presented, highlighting Importance of separated Right of Way, dedicated lanes and transit priority measures, frequency and providing crosstown and regional travel, as well as North - South Connection (exclusive river crossing downtown), East - West Connection (direct connection between West Edmonton and University/Whyte Ave) Airport Connection (relief for Capital Line). The full list of recommendations, along with the technical analysis can be found on the website.
- 1.0 BELONG addresses the overall policies around opportunity, equality, and personal safety of Edmontonians. This chapter also touches on providing equitable access to services, spaces and places. Directions related to transit are “Prioritize transportation investments and operations for people experiencing vulnerability” and “Design and deliver mass transit and active transportation network infrastructure to enable energy efficient mobility”.
 - 2.0 LIVE encompasses safety, living locally with access to affordable housing, and leading sustainable community design. Of particular note are directions related to the expansion of mass transit to support new development patterns (in particular nodes and corridors) and densify and provide better transit access to work and school destinations.
 - 3.0 THRIVE is about celebrating Edmonton’s diverse culture, supporting local businesses, and attracting talent and investment all in the hopes of creating a vibrant economy for the city. There are some references in this chapter to integrating businesses at transit facilities in order to facilitate a more seamless interaction in these areas.
 - The PRESERVE chapter (5.0) focuses on preserving and enhancing what makes Edmonton “Edmonton”, and is about preserving what we have (i.e. river valley area), expanding the green and blue network, and climate adaptation and resilience.
 - 6.0 CREATE is all about encouraging co-creation, understanding that arts, culture, and design space needed to flourish in our city, and what Edmonton needs to foster innovation and diversify to create place that attracts people for years to come.
- In addition to policy statements, The City Plan describes how Edmonton’s land use and transportation system will serve 2 million people in the future. The City Plan outlines several important land use concepts, including:
 - Holding our boundary during growth to two million (not annexing any more land)

- Developing a strong City Center
- Developing a system of mixed-use nodes and corridors to serve a system of districts across the City. In nodes and along corridors is where services and housing density will be concentrated, served by a City-wide network of mass transit.
- Contact information for feedback was provided: thecityplan@edmonton.ca
- Question and Answer Period followed:
 - Mass Transit Plan effect on private vehicles/roadway network performance was discussed. There would be areas of increased congestion in core areas and expectation is aligned with growth, and making efficient use of right of ways at peak hours, potentially repurposing lanes away from auto travel to public transportation to make transit more attractive.
 - Discussion around how the City Plan work is aligned with the Bus Network Redesign project, as well as the use of the Travel Behaviour Model, which is calibrated to the patterns in the household travel survey results, and then considers factors related to time and cost and is able to project forward forecasted travel behaviours.

NEW BUSINESS	INFORMATION
ETS Route Brochure Format Survey Debrief	C. Kelly and I. Hubert Lyall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two members of the Board attended the event in the lobby of Edmonton Tower on January 30. They noted that seniors were arriving to pick up their annual passes on this day, and were also the most likely to use the printed route brochures, so it was a good choice of location and timing for the survey. • The survey contained scenario-based trip planning exercises while referencing the brochures with the new format. It was noted that the riders are required to do more math to figure out timings, because there are not enough intermediate stops with times on them. An increase in the font size would be helpful for seniors who are not able to utilize electronic trip planning tools. 	

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES	INFORMATION
Transit Innovation	J. Esslinger
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jarret confirmed that the Transit Innovation meetings are no longer required to be included in the agenda for General Meetings going forward. The purpose of the meetings is team building and informal discussions, as confirmed at the Annual Work Planning Retreat on February 8th. 	
ETS' Safety and Security	P. Reid
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting invite will be sent out this week, and a regular meeting schedule will be one of the items on the agenda. 	
Standing Item Updates	I. Hubert Lyall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isabell provided an update on the status of the quick response item, response from ETSAB to ETS' upcoming report CR_7813 Transit Fare Fines. The date was postponed from March 18th to May 6th which allows for more time to prepare the response. Carrie provided an update on some findings related to preparing the report. The fines are paid as provincial government violations and a portion of the fines collected are transferred to the City as general revenue. 	

INFORMATION SECTION	INFORMATION
ETS Branch Highlights Report	C. Hotton-MacDonald
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ETS Branch Highlights report was presented. Carrie highlighted for members that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ETSAB will be invited to an upcoming media event and reception at Kathleen Andrews Transit Garage on March 12th, where ETS will announce next steps on the Transit Safety & Security improvement projects. • CR_6778 report will be a report on the Precursor Service for Valley Line East (not an Update on BNR). • Question and answer period followed, including a request for information about escalator performance data provided in the report as trending downward. Carrie confirmed she will follow up to request additional details to be provided by the Operations Maintenance team. 	

Liaison Updates – DAG/EAC/AAC/ATU569	C. Kelly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> n/a 	
Councillor Emerging Updates	Clr. A. Knack
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Knack highlighted as emerging issues the March 9th ETS Seniors Fares – Sliding Scale Model regarding adding Low Income Tier 2 eligibility, and some discussion around the status of the Regional Transit Commission, as Edmonton Council voted to join on February 19th. 	

TOPICS OF THE NIGHT	DECISION
	I. Hubert Lyall
<p>Topics selected to highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board Approved its Annual Work Plan for the 2020/2021 term. The Board is looking forward to establishing sub-committees over the course of the next year to work on Winterizing Public Transit, Free Ticket to Ride, Safety and Security (Part II), and Tourism and Transit (Part II). The Board also approved the Terms of Reference for its Vulnerable Users on Transit sub-committee, which will focus on strategies that would be helpful to people who have challenges using the transit system. The Board heard a presentation by Howaida Hassan and Pablo Orozco on the City Plan, specifically regarding connectivity, mass transit, and land use in the City. 	

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING	DECISION
<p>MOVED: by B. Macklon on March 30th, 2020 to approve these February 24th, 2020 minutes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>CARRIED</u></p>	

CHAIR SIGN-OFF DocuSigned by:
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