



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 26, 2026**

PRESENT: Councillor Kathryn Morse, Chair
Councillor Sam Austin, Vice Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor John Young

REGRETS: Deputy Mayor Patty Cuttell

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Laura White
Councillor Janet Steele

STAFF: Dave Reage, Executive Director, Strategic Infrastructure & Transportation
Planning
Chris Giddens, Solicitor
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 26, 2026

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Young

THAT the minutes of February 26, 2026 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

As provided for in section 12 (5) of Administrative Order One, *Respecting the Procedures of the Council*, Councillor Cleary requested that Information Item 2 – Memorandum from Commissioner of Operations dated February 12, 2026 re: Incorporating Young People in Active Transportation Planning be brought forward at the next Transportation Standing Committee Meeting.

MOVED by Councillor Cleary, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 13.1.1.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation

10.3.1 Discussion on Rapid Transit and Cycling Connections – Derek Bellemore, Halifax Cycling Coalition

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Request to present dated January 22, 2026

- Presentation dated March 26, 2026

Derek Bellemore, Halifax Cycling Coalition gave a presentation and responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Catherine Cervin speaking on behalf of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment & Vision Zero Kijipuktuk-Halifax spoke to the Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) Action Update, Vision Zero, and the health effects of traffic-related air pollution. Cervin noted support for Councillor Austin's proposed motion to repurpose roads and suggested implementing a moratorium on road widening and co-funding new highways.

David Trueman speaking on behalf of Halifax Cycling Coalition spoke to the IMP Action Update, provided a handout and displayed an infographic entitled "Transformation of Urban Mobility: Shifting Modal Share vs. Impact of Population Growth" for the record. Trueman advocated for enhanced public and stakeholder engagement, revisions to the IMP, and requested that staff develop a plan targeting a 50% sustainable mode share.

Ben Hammer, District 7 spoke to the state of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network and the IMP Action Update. Hammer noted the need for improved data and data literacy, along with fleet expansion, workforce development, and bus stop enhancements to enable additional funding. Hammer noted concerns with the overuse of consultants and its impact to building and retaining institutional knowledge and suggested using expertise from the development stage to support more effective project delivery and implementation.

Bill Campbell speaking on behalf of Walk 'n Roll Halifax spoke to the IMP Action Update, specifically new sidewalk construction, the potential increases to emergency response times, the incorporation of the Equity pillar within the IMP Evaluation Scorecard, and the need for a public engagement program. Campbell asked the Standing Committee to approve Alternative 2 of the March 19, 2026 staff report to conduct a public engagement program on the IMP Action Update.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Integrated Mobility Plan Action Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 19, 2026
- Correspondence from Vision Zero Kijipuktuk-Halifax, David Trueman, Catherine Cervin
- Staff presentation dated March 26, 2026

Mike Connors, Manager, Transportation Planning and Siobhan Witherbee, Project Manager, Strategic Infrastructure & Transportation Planning gave a presentation.

MOVED by Councillor Austin, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Regional Council:

- 1. adopt the Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) Action Update and direct the CAO that it be used to guide implementation of the IMP;**
- 2. direct staff to report annually on progress made on the IMP Action Plan to Regional Council through the Transportation Standing Committee; and,**

- 3. adopt Equity as the fifth pillar of the IMP, as set forth in the Discussion section of the staff report dated March 19, 2026, for project planning and evaluation purposes.**

Connors, Witherbee and Adam Lanigan, Senior Transportation Engineer, Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works, Dave Reage, Executive Director, Strategic Infrastructure and Transportation responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – April 23, 2026

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Krista Vining
Team Lead, Legislative Assistants