



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 24, 2025**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Cathy Deagle Gammon
Councillor Laura White
Councillor Virginia Hinch
Councillor Billy Gillis
Councillor Jean St-Amand

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 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 – March 27, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Young

THAT the minutes of March 27, 2025 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

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cleary

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 items: 13.1.1 and 13.1.2.

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

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation – None

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Matt Stickland, District 2 spoke about flaws in the Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) that limited its successful implementation and the ability to reduce the volume of vehicle traffic in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). They spoke to the need to study and adopt the integrated mobility approaches used in other countries and cities. Stickland discussed the need for the suburban plan to include IMP and Bus Rapid Transit. They also spoke to the increase in crash severity despite the decrease of collisions.

Jillian Banfield, District 8, on behalf of Kidical Mass spoke about Kidical Mass' work to identify transportation infrastructure gaps, specifically for kids to safely ride bikes in HRM and displayed two

slides. They spoke to Kidical Mass' organized bike rides for kids and families that demonstrated the need for a child-focused and bike friendly transportation infrastructure.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 Robie Street Transit Priority Corridor: Project Update

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated April 7, 2025
- Correspondence from Sara Lipson, Jim McDonald, Brian Gifford, Caila Kucheravy, Peggy Cameron and Howard Epstein

Dave Reage, Executive Director of Strategic Infrastructure & Transportation Planning responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee forward the staff report dated April 7, 2025 to Halifax Regional Council for information.

Mike Connors, Manager, Strategic Transportation Planning Program, Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants, Robin Gerus, Executive Director of Halifax Transit Services and Anne Sherwood, Director of Transportation Design & Construction responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Purdy

THAT the motion be amended to read:

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee:

- 1. Forward the staff report dated April 7, 2025 to Halifax Regional Council for information and presentation to Regional Council; and**
- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a supplemental report on the estimated costs for the North Street to Cunard Street section of Robie Street, the time benefit achieved, and the rationale for this model over cue jump lanes and reversing lanes, and impact on trees and buildings.**

Sherwood responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION TO AMEND PUT AND PASSED.

The motion as amended now read:

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee:

- 1. Forward the staff report dated April 7, 2025 to Halifax Regional Council for information and presentation to Regional Council; and**

- 2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a supplemental report on the estimated costs for the North Street to Cunard Street section of Robie Street, the time benefit achieved, and the rationale for this model over cue jump lanes and reversing lanes, and impact on trees and buildings.**

Connors and Sherwood responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

13.1.2 Halifax Transit 2024/25 Q3 KPI Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated March 11, 2025
- Correspondence from Ben Hammer
- Staff presentation dated April 24, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Cleary

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive the staff report dated March 11, 2025 for information and receive a presentation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Norman Hendry, Director of Transit Fleet gave a presentation.

Patricia Hughes, Director of Planning & Customer Engagement, Stewart MacDonald, Acting Director of Employee Support & Development and Philip Herritt, Director of Transit Operations responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – May 22, 2024

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Andrea Lovasi-Wood
Legislative Assistant