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RE: **Transportation System Plan -- DRAFT Plan**

Introduction

The Vancouver Transportation System Plan (TSP) identifies transportation projects, policies, and programs for the next twenty years. The draft report outlines how the TSP reflects both the City's guiding values of safety, equity and climate – and how the community's values are reflected in the Plan goals and big ideas. Each chapter of the Plan builds upon the previous one, beginning with existing conditions and identified opportunities and incorporating community values and feedback that led to the Plan's goals and big ideas. The big ideas are then used to organize the Plan's policies, programs, and modal networks. To realize the vision of the modal networks, a comprehensive list of projects was identified to transform the existing roadway conditions today to the envisioned long-term modal network across the city. Finally, the Plan looks at near-term priorities, funding and staffing needs, and identifies trends and innovations on the horizon.

Overview/Preview

During the workshop, the Project Team will walk through each chapter to discuss how the content is organized and explained. We are looking for TMC feedback and confirmation that the information is understandable, useful, and conveys the priorities and values of the City. The TSP chapters include:

1. City on the Move

This chapter introduces the plan, identifies project partners and lays the foundation by covering some high-level existing conditions. This chapter also defines different mode, e.g. – what is a mobility lane?

2. By Vancouver, for Vancouver

This chapter outlines outreach done throughout the Plan development, and highlights key concerns, opportunities, and values shared with the Project Team through different mediums.

3. Vancouver Moves Vision

This chapter ties the community feedback on their values to the Plan's goals. Each goal is put into context of Vancouver's existing conditions today, and the opportunities the TSP presents toward advancing the goal.

4. Big Ideas

The Big Ideas chapter begins by showing how each big idea aligns with the Plan goals. Each big idea has a short definition, and then the policies and programs aligned with the big ideas are outlined below. Key policies may serve as a framework or broader policy umbrella to the supporting programs and policies that nest below.

5. TSP Networks

The TSP network chapters includes both a series of maps showing the future designated network of different modes (e.g., pedestrian or transit), and presents information on network quality or level of stress. This is to demonstrate that facilities take a different form depending on the street that are on.

6. Capital Projects

This chapter presents the list of capital projects necessary to bring our existing roadway system into alignment with the proposed modal networks. The project list is long and comprehensive, and is meant to span even beyond the twenty-year lifespan of this TSP. The chapter outlines the process behind prioritization and timing and cost estimates. This chapter is currently in a draft form and will continue to be refined and finalized over the next two months.

7. Implementation

The implementation chapter focuses on how we go about implementing the plan, including a focus on funding, staffing needs, and near-term priorities for City staff to focus on. This chapter also outlines the performance measures the City will track and report on through future City dashboards.

8. Moving Forward

The final chapter looks ahead to other parallel efforts that will align with and help to advance the goals and policies in the TSP. Lastly, the chapter identifies some emerging trends that continue to impact how people and goods travel. These are trends that the City is monitoring and are reflected in some of the policies and programs that will help the City prepare for, respond to, and advance best practices.

Public Engagement Milestone 3

The final engagement phase of the TSP will widely share out the draft TSP for public review and comment. The primary investment will be in a short promotional video introducing the TSP draft, highlighting projects around the city, and inviting the public to review the plan. The team will gather feedback via survey with the opportunity for open-ended public comment. The Project Team will also

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use social media, e-newsletters, and other fall outreach events to spread the word. The public comment period will last 60 days, from approximately mid-September to mid-November. The Project Team will process and summarize comment in advance of the final Plan.

Action, Timeline, Next Steps

The Project Team is looking to the TMC to provide feedback on the presentation of content within the TSP. Is it easy to follow? Are we successful in communicating our vision and priorities? The Project Team is also seeking feedback on ways to share out the TSP draft and encourage participation in the public comment period.

The TMC will have a public hearing on the TSP on November 7th in advance of the final City Council workshop on November 20th. The TSP is scheduled for a first reading on the Council consent agenda for December 18th; the public hearing is still being scheduled but is anticipated for early January.

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