

**MINUTES**  
**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Held at Council Chambers, Saanich Municipal Hall**  
**Thursday March 23, 2023, at 4:02 p.m.**

Present: Councillor Teale Phelps Bondaroff (Chair), Trevor Barry, Alexandre Beaubien, Julia Cutt, Janine Konkel, Karen Laberee, Philip Marciniak, and Dave Marecek.

Guest: Dan Casey, Urban Systems

Staff: David Williams, Acting Manager of Transportation & Development Services; Megan Squires, Senior Transportation Planner; Kirsten Brazier, Committee Clerk.

Regrets: Curran Crawford, Reed Poynter, Juliet Van Vliet.

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by P. Marciniak and Seconded by K. Laberee “That the minutes of the February 23, 2023, Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.”**

**CARRIED**

**CHAIRS REMARKS**

Councillor Phelps Bondaroff welcomed the committee and guests.

- The Chair welcomed members to the last ATAC Meeting
- Appreciation to staff for the fantastic Road Safety Action Plan (RSAP) public meeting.

**Committee Discussion**

- The RSAP meeting was very well attended. Speed Limit policy planning may need to be communicated to the public how the framework works.
- Meetings for the Transportation Advisory Committee will likely commence in May.

**ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE**

Dan Casey from Urban Systems presented on the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) framework.

- The 2018 ATP Framework included a vision statement, four goals and two targets. This has been refined.
- The revised version includes the vision statement and goals which now include targets.
- Feedback on the 2018 vision statement from ATAC were considered and a new vision statement has been crafted.

**Committee Discussion**

- Affordability could be included.
- Walking, cycling and transit networks should be considered.
- Sustainable transportation may need to be defined.
- The word “comfort” would complement “safety”.
- How we achieve “safety” may look different in rural Saanich than inside the urban boundary.
- The word “complete” in the first paragraph may be too specific.

- A survey will be sent out to stakeholders for their feedback.
- The 2018 document included four goals. The 2023 update details five goals, with targets embedded within.
- Goal 2 Target: The real goal is the kilometers, not the number of trips.
- The infrastructure needs to be in place to achieve a greater number of trips.
- 2050 aligns with the Climate Plan and meeting our Green House Gas targets.
- Goal 3 – Vision Zero applies to sidewalks under the roads consideration.
- Goal 5 – “Network” could be clearly defined; perhaps “community network”.
- Building places in neighbourhoods for people to go using active transportation is a more sustainable approach.
- It is important to make sure the ATP is connected with the Corridors and Villages Plan.
- The “15-minute community” is being addressed through the work in the Official Community Plan (OCP). Consider adding “Creating more connections and destinations”.
- Providing residents with choice that is within 15-minutes of active transportations would help to encourage a change in behaviour.
- Having vibrant destinations would increase use of active transportation.
- Having residents feel that they are safe to use active transportation is a benefit.
- Goal 1 – You cannot build culture; it is the outcome. “Build a network to support sustainable transportation” will lead to the development of culture.
- “Foster” is another word to consider.
- A report will be taken to Council for information next week. Feedback from ATAC, Council and community engagement in the spring will be incorporated into the draft that will be circulated in the spring.
- Section Four of the document focuses on strategies and actions.
- Ensuring that the special nature of rural Saanich is captured is important.
- Saanich is able to add transit infrastructure in the forms of enhanced bus stops.
- Advocacy and partnership with actions are captured in this update.
- A broader category of mobility devices could be included.
- Key Additions
  - Traffic Calming, Design Guidance, Trail Classifications
- Reference to the 2019 Provincial document is included.
- Bikeway classifications are included along with trail classifications.
- The equitable distribution of traffic calming could be included, similar to the Road Safety Plan (RSAP).
- How the policy is going to be enforced would be a welcomed inclusion to this plan.
- Key updates and changes include; Rural Saanich, Policy References, Road Safety (connected with the RSAP), and Speed Limits.

### **Committee Discussion**

- The timeline of the ATP is meant to be 30 years. The implementation portion of the plan outlined 10 years of direct action.
- Council has requested feedback from staff as to how this can be accomplished sooner.
- Equity seeking communities are missing from Strategies and Actions. This could be woven throughout the document.
- Technology change will continue to move quickly. This could be better addressed and commented on in the document.
- Looking to the future to consider things that are accessible and realistic is appropriate.

- The linkage between building bylaws and active transportation amenities should be included.
- Businesses in Saanich have the ability to influence active transportation.
- Landowners of commercial properties need to also be approached.
- Retrofitting of buildings (e.g. EV chargers) is discussion that is underway (how to incentivize/regulate/enforce).

**ROUNDTABLE AND DISCUSSION OF WORKING GROUP MOTIONS  
ADJOURNMENT**

- Working groups need additional time to connect and discuss.
- Groups will be working with the hopes of meeting the Union of British Columbia Municipalities submission guidelines.

**MOVED by P. Marciniak and Seconded by J. Konkel; “That Active Transportation Advisory Council recommends to Council that staff consider including a road safety dashboard as part of The Road Safety Action Plan. The dashboard could track our progress towards achieving Vision Zero, it could include specific progress on action plan goals and timelines, specifically quantifiable goals.”**

**CARRIED**

**ATAC Action List**

- The ATAC Action List was reviewed. The list will be revised and only the items to be referred to TAC will be carried forward.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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Councillor Phelps Bondaroff, Chair

I hereby certify these Minutes are accurate.

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Kirsten Brazier, Committee Secretary