



Construction Liaison Group, Meeting #1

Leslie Barns & Leslie Connection Track

June 18th, 2013

Facilitated By:

Jim Faught, Lura Consulting

Attended By:

Project Team:

David Nagler, Community Relations Manager

Engineering, Construction and Expansion | Toronto Transit Commission

Elizabeth Garkowski, Community Liaison Officer

Engineering, Construction and Expansion | Toronto Transit Commission

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Martin Maguire, Manager

City of Toronto Transportation

Philip Cheung, Sr. Engineer

Toronto Water

Melissa Montgomery, Communications Officer

Pomerleau

Marc Blanchet, Construction Manager

Pomerleau

Orazio Pasinato, Construction Coordinator

Pomerleau



Community Members:

- Alan Burke
- Caron Court
- Mike Jones
- Shirlena Lau
- Allegra MacDonald
- Janet MacDonald
- Jo Oppenheimer
- Ken Press
- Jonathan Root
- Corina Shanahan
- Christopher Wong
- Erica Woods
- Paul Young

These meeting minutes were prepared by TTC. These minutes are not intended to provide verbatim accounts of discussions. Rather, they summarize and document the key points made during the discussions, as well as the outcomes and actions arising from the CLG meetings.

Welcome and Agenda Review

Jim Faught, Lura Consulting, welcomed members of the Leslie Barns Construction Liaison Group (CLG) to their first meeting. Mr. Faught conducted a high level summary of the Terms of Reference for the CLG touching on the following; purpose and mandate, membership roles and responsibilities, meetings and the formation of sub-groups, operating procedures and meeting facilitation. Mr. Faught opened the floor to questions regarding any of the specifics of the terms of reference. The following recommendations and comments were made:

- It was recommended that community groups and organizations be represented at the CLG in addition to residents, business owners and area cyclists.
- A concern was raised about the formation of sub-groups for Queen Street and Port Lands area businesses and that addressing issues in isolation from other groups may not result in the efficient and effective resolution of an issue.
- A suggestion was made to have a resident representative at the Queen Business and Port Land sub-group meetings.

Mr. Faught thanked members for their input and asked that they sign the CLG terms of reference, noting that wording would be changed to include the suggestions made. He then turned the floor over to David Nagler to go over construction phasing plans.



Project Overview Presentation

An overview of construction phasing was presented by David Nagler that outlined the road closures and lane reductions anticipated over the course of the project. New streetscaping renderings were also presented.

The following is a summary of the questions, answers, and comments that arose during the meeting. Questions are indicated with a Q, answers with an A, and Comments with a C. Answers were provided by the members from the Leslie Barns project team and City of Toronto. Questions that require follow up will be added to action items.

C: Paid Duty Officers (PDOs) need to be more active in traffic flow management to help direct traffic and maintain safe conditions during construction work.

A: This suggestion will be taken to the contractor for review. Action Item no. 1

Q: Is there an update on the Ship Channel Bridge closure?

A: The Toronto Port Authority has advised that the Ship Channel Bridge is set to re-open July 29th, 2013 to single lane vehicle traffic and marine transit. The bridge continues to be available to pedestrian and cyclist use.

C: The placement of cyclist and pedestrian warning signage is too close to area of work and needs to be placed further in advance of work to warn pedestrians and cyclists to alter their route.

A: The concern was taken to the contractor and an improved signage plan has been implemented. Continued monitoring of the site and signage placement will take place throughout the course of the project.

C: Paid Duty Officers should be placed in areas of anticipated traffic overflow (e.g. on Mosley Street and Eastern Avenue at the entrance to the Price Chopper plaza) in addition to the construction area.

A: This suggestion will be taken to the contractor for review. Action Item no. 2

Q: Will access on Leslie Street be maintained for pedestrians during periods of phased closures?

A: Yes, there is a contractual obligation to maintain pedestrian access. Sidewalk access will be maintained on one side of the street at all times.

Q: Residents must have access to their homes at all times. Is there a sidewalk plan for impacted homes?

A: There is a contractual obligation to maintain access to all homes and businesses during construction. Specific sidewalk plans will be explored 3 months in advance of closures - main property gates and gates to backyards to be maintained.

Q: Eastern Avenue and Leslie Street is a dangerous intersection for cyclists and pedestrians. Are there special features for pedestrian and cyclist safety in new streetscaping plans (City standard for curb/sidewalk to have 2 rows of brick tiles)?

A: Project team will follow up. Action Item no. 3



C: Prevent cyclists from riding on sidewalks by posting "Dismount and Walk" signage.

A: Walk and Dismount Signage will be posted where appropriate.

Q: The NW corner of the intersection at Eastern Avenue & Leslie Street floods, will it be re-graded?

A: The flooding should be improved once construction is completed and the sediment in the existing outlet sewers are cleaned out. The catchment basin will be at lowest point. Will investigate if this is where people cross. Action item no. 4

Q: Will the replacement bus service offer the same capacity as the streetcar?

A: Will follow up with service planning regarding frequency and capacity of bus service. Action item no. 5

C: Beach express should make a stop on Leslie during construction.

Q: Will approach service planning about feasibility of stop on Leslie Street. Action item no. 6

Q: Can parking restrictions be extended on Eastern Avenue and Carlaw Avenue?

A: Follow-up required. Action item no. 7

Q: Dust issues at Commissioners Street and Leslie Street are a problem and will get worse with construction not only in the construction zone, but on surrounding streets that will see additional traffic. Will there be dust monitoring on Leslie Street, north of Lake Shore Blvd? Can we get more street-sweeping for neighbourhood streets near the construction zone and not just in the construction zone?

A: Monitoring is in place south of Lake Shore Blvd. Dust monitoring in construction zone is required by contractor. Councillor's office and TTC will investigate with the City about additional street sweeping in the surrounding area. Action item no. 8 (dust mitigation plan has been requested)

C: Contact information for new Community Office should be posted in construction zone.

A: Signage with contact information is up, more signage will be added.

Q: How will snow removal be coordinated?

A: Contractual obligation to remove snow if City is unable to get vehicles into construction zones (including sidewalks).

Q: What is the strategy for Wheel-Trans access?

A: Will coordinate with Wheel Trans in advance of each phased closure. (Ongoing) action item no. 9

Q: The resultant closures due to construction in the area may be a good way to promote transit or cycling into city. Could this be a new messaging opportunity for the TTC and the City?

A: Agreement that it is a good idea.

Mr. Faught closed the discussion period by asking the CLG the frequency to which they would like to meet. Monthly meetings were suggested and the date of July 16th was put forth for the next meeting. This date will be reviewed as an option depending on venue availability.

Meeting adjourned.



Actions Items

- 1) Contact CRV Staff, Sergeant (Adrienne) at 55 Division (416-808-5500) or PRV Staff Sergeant (5 different people) responsible for paid duty police officers to relay complaint re officers not attending to traffic problems due to construction.
- 2) Investigate the use of the PDOs in areas of anticipated traffic overflow (such as on Mosley Street and Eastern Avenue) in addition to the construction area.
- 3) Project team will investigate safety features of new streetscaping - particularly the use of different materials for crosswalk to clearly differentiate from road).
- 4) Profile of Eastern/Leslie intersection and position of catch basins to be reported at next meeting
- 5) Follow up required with service planning regarding frequency of service during replacement bus service.
- 6) Service planning will be approached about the feasibility of the Beach Express making a stop on Leslie Street.
- 7) City Transportation's traffic light changes and parking restrictions to be reported next meeting.
- 8) Contractor to bring dust-mitigation plan to next meeting. Councillor's office and TTC will inquire about surrounding streets and additional street sweeping during construction.
- 9) Ongoing coordination with Wheel-Trans during road closures required in advance of each phase of construction.
- 10) Community Liaisons will reach out to community groups/organizations for recruiting possibilities to the CLG. The Community Liaisons will also accept recommendations from existing CLG members.