



Construction Liaison Group, Meeting #5
Leslie Barns & Leslie Connection Track
December 10th, 2013

Facilitated By:

Jim Faught, Lura Consulting

Attended By:

Community Members:

Caron Court, Mike Jones, Vivien Leong , Allegra MacDonald, Janet MacDonald, Jo Oppenheimer, Chris Sidlar

City of Toronto:

Martin Maguire

TTC Project Team:

David Nagler, Elizabeth Garkowski, Niki Angelis, Paris Savides, Michael Ruel, Charles Lee, Les Kelman, Justin Chin (Aecom)

Contractor (Pomerleau):

Stephane Bernard

These meeting minutes were prepared by TTC community liaison staff. 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 outlined the agenda for the meeting that included an update on work completed the date, the follow up to action items from the previous CLG meeting, the community relations update and an overview of construction phasing. Jim informed the group that some action items and meeting content needed to be updated and corrected from the Meeting #4 minutes as per CLG member feedback. The following information was left out of the previous meeting minutes:

- Q1/A1 (pg 4): The generator beside Loblaws runs 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The noise mitigation materials added to the generator at Leslie and Mosley reduce noise but do not eliminate it.



- A Leslie Street resident would like to note that despite work hours being 7am-7pm, work lasted until 11pm one evening which was not planned.
- Action Item 11 amendment (pg 8): The “no right on red” from northbound Leslie Street to eastbound Lake Shore Blvd would be a temporary prohibition so that it would not require a bylaw change and therefore not need to go to Community Council for a decision.
- Action Item 19 was missed in the Meeting Minutes. A request was made on behalf of Marigold Condominium of a revised estimated date of commencement of the work on Leslie north of Eastern. The response was not provided as the schedule was still under review, however, the schedule has not changed from the previous CLG Meeting #4. Updates will be provided to the Margold Condo and CLG as soon as confirmed.
- An additional request was made to have baseline vibration testing further north on Leslie Street, including the general area of Queen and Leslie. This will be reflected in the action items of CLG Meeting #5.

A discussion took place regarding a Safety Walk to review the new lane configuration and impacts to cyclists and pedestrians. A date of December 18th was finalized by the CLOs based on the availability of staff from City of Toronto. The CLOs are to send out an invite to CLG and others who have expressed interest in attending (**Action Item #1**).

Work To Date

David Nagler gave an overview of the work completed to date related to Leslie Barns facility itself as well as works that are in progress that include:

- Traffic was shifted on Lake Shore Blvd to the northside and excavation proceeded north to allow for the safe re-opening of the regular north side crossing for pedestrians and cyclists
- Sanitary Sewer connection work on Mosley Street and noise mitigation efforts with hoarding
- The 6-day closure at Leslie and Mosley intersection to stabilize the soil and roadway
- The opening of one lane north bound on Leslie from Lake Shore to the plaza entrances from Dec 6th-Jan 6th
- Streetscaping update
- Signage and safety updates

The presentation was posted to:

http://www.ttc.ca/About_the_TTC/Projects/Leslie_Barns/Construction_Liaison_Groups.jsp

CLG Discussion Period

The CLG is a forum for open discussion. As such, questions were posed throughout David’s presentation. 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 Transportation staff. Questions that require follow up will be added to action items.

Action Items from CLG #4

An overview of the “Action Items” from the previous CLG meeting was presented by David Nagler. The following action items from the previous CLG meeting were addressed.

Action Item No 1: *The TTC project team will look into ways of mitigating the noise of the generator at Mosley Street.*

Response: A plywood & styrofoam barrier placed around the generator at Mosley Street (reduces noise but does not eliminate).

Action Item No. 2: *The City is working to resolve the issue with the Audible Pedestrian Signals and will follow up with Councillor Fletcher’s office if the issue requires further assistance.*

Response: City staff reinstated the full north-south pedestrian crossing time to ensure that visually impaired pedestrians are provided with sufficient walk time.

Action Item No. 3: *The project team will ensure dust monitoring is placed north of the plazas as soon as possible.*

Response: Dust monitoring on north side of Lake Shore at Leslie beside heaviest construction. Results will be reported to CLG and on project website.

Action Item No. 4: *Lines will be painted at Leslie & Lake Shore intersection.*

Response: On the evening of December 3rd and 6 new lane markings were painted to coincide with the traffic shift.

Action Item No. 5: *The dismount and walk signs will be placed for those crossing from the south.*

Response: The original north side crossing at Leslie/Lake Shore was reinstated on Dec 3. The dismount and walk signs are no longer required.

Action Item No. 6: *The project team will investigate sending out PDOs intermittently to issue tickets to drivers who do not stop.*

Response: PDOs are being deployed from Dec 5th to Dec 11th (including weekends) to monitor the temporary entrances, safety and traffic on Lake Shore.

Action Item No. 7: *The City is looking to add additional speed humps for vehicles entering the temporary plazas from Lake Shore.*

Response: As per Martin Maguire, City Transportation Rep, the necessity of the speed humps are still being reviewed. Martin will report on status of speed humps when more information is available.



Action Item No. 8: *New signage indicating a narrow/shared path will be developed for the north crossing at Leslie/Lake Shore Blvd.*

Response: The original north crossing at Leslie/Lake Shore was reinstated on Dec 3 which improves crossing for peds and cyclists. Sign is no longer required.

Action Item No. 9: *The project team and contractor will finalise a new time line for the required work in the Phase A closure as soon as possible.*

Response: The new timeline for the Phase A full closure (north side Lake Shore to plaza driveways) has been revised to be in effect from January 6 to end of February, 2014 – weather permitting.

Action Item No. 10: *The project team will investigate the options for improving the pedestrian crossing at Mosley and Leslie.*

Response: The location of the sanitary sewer at Mosley and Leslie does not allow for a safe continuous pedestrian path on Leslie (space constraints) and must be detoured to the west on Mosley.

Action Item No. 11: *The City will review the installation of a temporary construction sign to indicate “no right on red” for Leslie and Lake Shore (northbound and turning right onto Lake Shore).*

Response: Contractor was ordered to install a no right on red sign as of the first week of December.

Q&A

Q1: There are no generators in use currently on Leslie Street, please confirm no more will be used.

A1: There are no generators in use now* but they will be used in future. Every effort will be made to have generators placed as far away from homes as possible and for noise mitigation to be applied (**Action Item #2**).

**A small generator contained within a toolbox/supplies kit is now in use on Leslie between Mosley and Eastern for the watermain work. It was flagged by a CLG member that noise mitigation was not applied. The small generator operates within the work hours of 7am-7pm.*

Q2: Is it possible to get real time data, regarding dust levels, on the website?

A2: We do not have the capability of providing the data in real time. The contractor in charge of dust mitigation monitors dust levels in real time however and if dust levels exceed approved levels, it is reported. A formal report is produced monthly and can be presented at the next CLG. We will request more frequent reports for posting online and sharing with the CLG.

C2: Is it possible for more frequent reporting of dust levels particularly when work moves north (**Action Item #3**). **Request for more frequent reporting has been made to contractor.**

C3: I rarely see people stop when exiting the plazas. Are people getting ticketed (during the PDO deployment from Dec 5- Dec 11th)?

A3: Due to the traffic shift, PDOs were used at Leslie/Lake Shore intersection to direct traffic.

C3: Can they be moved to the Plazas?



A3: A plaza entrances “blitz” will take place Dec 16/17/18th* (**Action Item 4**)

**Due to a request for a PDO on the weekends and due to PDO availability the blitz has been moved to Dec 19/20/21.*

C4: The signs requested at the previous meeting may not be useful now due to the current traffic arrangement but will be useful when the traffic shift again. The signage will be printed now and held in storage until required (**Action Item 5**).

C4: I noticed that pylons placed down the centre of the trail slows cyclists and creates awareness of the narrower/shared path.

C4: Good for awareness but may create a hazard. Must assure there is enough room.*

**This will be assessed during the safety walk.*

Project Overview Presentation

An overview of construction phasing was presented by David Nagler that outlined the current and anticipated road closures and lane reductions that the contractor is implementing.

David informed the CLG of the current lane configuration on Leslie including the one northbound lane open on Leslie Street from Lake Shore to the plaza entrances as well as the lane reductions (one lane in each direction open) north of the plaza entrances due to watermain replacement work between Mosley and Eastern. The full closure of Leslie from Lake Shore and the plaza entrances is scheduled to be reinstated from January 6th to the end of February to complete work in that area. Pending the completion of the watermain work, the closure of Leslie Street between the plaza entrances to Eastern will commence in March 2014.

Q5: If watermain work is not done by December 20th (when construction stops until Jan 5th) will the road remain closed off as it is now?

A5: The road will be restored for use and will allow on-street parking adjacent to homes between Mosley and Eastern Avenue from Dec 20 to January 6. This work will then be finished as soon as possible in 2014 (**Action Item #6**)

C6: The watermain work taking place now instead of in Phase B in an effort to reduce the duration of Phase B from 17 weeks to approximately 15 weeks.

C7: Paris Savides outlined the various noise and vibration control measures at the track level, during construction and post construction (slides 27-29 in presentation).

Q7: Can baseline noise and vibration testing results be provided?

A7: Baseline vibration testing results will be discussed at the next CLG Meeting (**Action Item #7**)



Q8: Can the TTC, City Transportation and Canada Post reach an agreement prohibiting heavy trucks on Leslie Street north of Lake Shore. The concern stated was heavy truck traffic from Canada Post is a noise issue for local residents that will return after construction and may also impact TTC streetcars going into service.

A8: City Transportation to advise local City Councillors and speak to Canada Post of the resident request regarding a proposed heavy truck prohibition on Leslie Street (**Action Item #8**). *

** Subsequent to the meeting, another CLG member flagged a potential issue with proposal to limit trucks on Leslie. A heavy truck prohibition would affect the outbound trucks which travel south to Lake Shore Boulevard. Also, a prohibition may require a reclassification of Leslie Street because as a Minor Arterial Road, truck restrictions are generally not permitted.*

C9: One morning work began on Leslie Street (north of the plaza entrances) before 7am. The work hours of 7am-7pm should include staging and construction set-up as this is noisy work for residential areas.

A9: This incident was reported to the project team and sub-contractor were reprimanded and ordered not to set up any materials before 7am.

Traffic Analysis Presentation

Les Kelman presented a “before and after” traffic analysis of the project area. The objective of the data is to compare traffic volumes before and after the closure of Leslie Street north of Lake Shore Boulevard. The traffic counts were collected primarily before April 2013 and “after counts” were taken in November 2013. Les pulled one example to present to the group showing the traffic analysis of Woodfield Road from Queen Street to Eastern Avenue.

C10: The titles of “before” and “after” will be changed to “round 1, round 2...” to better reflect the data collected. The Traffic Analysis presentation will be posted on the Leslie Barns Project Website. More explanatory text will be included to cover items that may not be clear e.g. peak hours, dates, impact of other construction projects etc. (**Action Item #9**)

Q11: Can raw data show truck versus car volumes?

A11: This information will be provided if possible (**Action Item #10**)

C12: Request for a traffic count at Lake Shore and Coxwell during next round counts (**Action Item #11**).

Additional Q&A

Jim concluded the presentation and asked if CLG members had any outstanding questions, concerns or comments:

C13: A CLG member spoke with their neighbours for additional feedback regarding construction activities and impacts in the area. The following incidents/concerns were flagged;

-A resident’s parked vehicle was hit by a Pomerleau worker exiting the construction zone at Mosley and



Leslie.*

** The CLOs were made aware of the incident via Pomerleau's Health and Safety officer on the day of the incident. The contractor indicated they had followed up directly with the resident to admit fault and compensate appropriately. CLOs to follow-up with resident to confirm outcome.*

- On the evening of a water shut off impacting residents on Mosley Street and four homes on Leslie Street, one resident experienced water issues that resulted in the damage of a washing machine. The resident reported that lines were not bled properly which caused the damage. *

**CLOs were contacted by the resident on the evening of the incident reporting that water was not re-connected to his home. The resident was informed that the connection of the water was done by Toronto Water and to contact 311 Toronto so that a Toronto Water representative could be deployed as fast as possible to his home. (The contractor was not authorized to connect water to homes on that particular evening).*

- It is very hard to find a parking space on Mosley Street.

C14: What happens to garbage pick-up during a road closure? There are no details in the construction notices about this.

A14: Residents are instructed to take out garbage as usual. If City trucks are not able to access homes, Pomerleau and /or their sub-contractors are required to move bins to a point where the garbage can be collected and will return bins to the proper homes. In future notices, information regarding garbage pick-up will be included (**Action Item #12**).

C15: Some signage indicating access to the Martin Goodman trail is now blocked by hoarding.

A15: New locations for signage will be identified and installed. All locations to be confirmed on site walk, Dec 18 (**Action Item #13**).

C16: Sign regarding "Access to Plazas" placed on west side of Eastern Avenue (for southbound Leslie travellers) is now blocked by an orange traffic arrow sign.

A16: The plaza sign will be remounted so it is more visible or install a new sign if required. (**Action Item #14**).

C17: A larger sign and/or flashing red lights is required immediately to tell drivers that there is no southbound access to Lake Shore from Leslie. (The one lane northbound from is open from Dec 6 – Jan 6 2014) (**Action Item #15**)

C18: Request booking of South Riverdale Community Health Centre for a Wednesday Night CLG meeting as opposed to Tuesday or Thursday if available (**Action Item #16**).

C19: I recently received a notice from your office (associated with the watermain replacement work) explaining the City's policy on the property owner's responsibility for replacing their own water pipes if it is discovered that they are made out of lead. This was very surprising to read considering the timing close to the holidays and no offering of assistance. TTC and its contractor should help residents with lead pipes coordinate replacement if needed.

A 19: The notices are a standard City of Toronto notice with important info from Toronto Water and



Toronto Public Health to inform residents of the possibility of lead pipes, the hazards and the recommended remediation to ensure residents have safe drinking water through pipes on their private property. The replacement of lead pipes on the City right-of-way is happening city-wide. The City does not replace pipes on private property. However, we will follow up with the City of Toronto Water to see if there is a list of recommended contractors for lead watermain replacement to share with Leslie residents who may have lead pipes on their property.

Request Pomerleau to advise if their subcontractor performing the *public side* watermain upgrades as part of the contract can offer a price to residents for their *private side* (this would be a separate agreement between residents and a contractor, as is the case on other City watermain projects).
(Action Item #17).

Jim Fought closed the discussion period by thanking those who attended. A date for the next CLG Meeting was proposed for late January 2104.

Meeting adjourned.

Action Items

1. A site safety walk will be held on December 18th, 6-7pm. We will meet at the Community Office (1258 Queen St E).
2. Any generators used during the project will be located as far away of homes as possible and will have noise mitigating materials (hoarding around it)
3. Dust monitoring data will be presented to the CLG and posted on the project website.
4. A safety related ticketing “blitz” at the temporary plaza entrances will take place from Monday Dec 16 to Wednesday Dec 18th and a request will be made from TTC to Police to assign an officer to monitor on Saturday as well.
5. The signage requested at CLG Meeting #4 that is not required in the *present* north side ped/cyclists crossing but will be required in the next Lake Shore traffic shift in 2014, will be printed now and stored for future use.
6. The watermain work on Leslie between Mosley and Eastern is scheduled to be completed on December 20th. If due to weather it is not completed by Dec 20, the road will be restored for use and will allow on-street parking adjacent to homes between Mosley and Eastern Avenue from Dec 20 to January 6. This work will be finished as soon as possible in 2014.
7. Baseline vibration testing results will be discussed at the next CLG Meeting
8. Request for TTC and City Transportation to approach local City Councillors and Canada Post regarding resident request for proposed heavy truck prohibition on Leslie Street from Lake Shore Boulevard north to Queen Street. The concern stated was heavy truck traffic from Canada



Post is a noise issue for local residents that will return after construction and may also impact TTC streetcars going into service.

9. Traffic Analysis presentation will be posted on the Leslie Barns Project Website. More explanatory text will be included to cover items that may not be clear e.g. peak hours, dates, impact of Kingston Road closure etc.
10. Request for traffic analysis data to differentiate between automobiles and heavy trucks, if possible
11. Request for a traffic count at Lake Shore and Coxwell during next round counts
12. In future construction notices to residents directly impacted by a road closure, indicate that residents may put their garbage/recycling out as usual, as pickup will be ensured by the contractor (the contractor is obligated to coordinate pick-up with City of Toronto).
13. Some signage indicating access to the Martin Goodman trail is now blocked by hoarding. Identify new locations for signage and install. All locations to be confirmed on site walk, Dec 18.
14. Sign regarding "Access to Plazas" placed on west side of Eastern Avenue (for southbound Leslie travellers) is now blocked by an orange traffic arrow sign. Remount the Plaza sign higher up so it is more visible or install a new sign if required.
15. A larger sign and/or flashing red light is required immediately to tell drivers that there is no southbound access to Lake Shore from Leslie. (The one lane northbound from is open from Dec 6 – Jan 6 2014)
16. Request booking of South Riverdale Community Health Centre for a Wednesday Night CLG meeting as opposed to Tuesday or Thursday.
17. Follow up with the City of Toronto Water to see if there is a list of recommended contractors for lead watermain replacement to share with Leslie residents. Request Pomerleau to advise if their subcontractor performing the *public side* watermain upgrades can offer a price to residents for their *private side* (in a separate agreement with residents).