



Construction Liaison Group, Meeting #2

Leslie Barns & Leslie Connection Track

July 23rd, 2013

Facilitated By:

Jim Faight, Lura Consulting

Attended By:

Community Members:

Allegra MacDonald – Marigold Condominium

Janet MacDonald – Marigold Condominium

Christopher Sidlar – Lea Consulting (plazas)

TTC, City and Contractor :

David Nagler | Toronto Transit Commission

Elizabeth Garkowski | Toronto Transit Commission

Niki Angelis | Toronto Transit Commission

Paris Savides | Toronto Transit Commission

Thomas Hartley | Toronto Transit Commission

Kirsten Watson | Toronto Transit Commission

Scott Haskill | Toronto Transit Commission

Danny Budrovic | City Transportation

Melissa Montgomery | Pomerleau

Marc Blanchet | Pomerleau

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 Faight 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 and an overview of construction related works to take place between July 2013 and November 2013. Mr. Faight then turned the floor over to David Nagler to begin the presentation.



Update

David began the presentation with an update on the project since the last CLG meeting, that included a cyclist safety walk with the Ward 30 Cyclist Group, construction liaisons, project engineers and contractor to go over safety concerns in the area. Additional signage was developed to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists when crossing the temporary accesses that cross the Martin Goodman Trail. The signs will be placed on site in advance of the temporary plaza entrances being opened to vehicular traffic.

Other works completed included the completion of the temporary accesses, ductbank work on the west side of Leslie between Commissioners and Mosley; on Mosley, just west of Leslie; and on Leslie just south of Commissioners, traffic light modification at Leslie and Commissioners and Leslie and Lake Shore intersections, and shoring activity on Leslie Street from Commissioners to Lake Shore.

Action Items

An overview of the “Action Items” from the previous CLG meeting was presented by David Nagler. The following 10 action items from the first CLG meeting were addressed.

Action Item No. 1: *Paid Duty Officers (PDOs) need to be more active in traffic flow management to help direct traffic and maintain safe conditions during construction work (e.g. plaza driveway).*

Response: The TTC drafted a Police Pay Duty Guidelines with Police input (55 Division). It has clear expectations of the role and responsibility of the paid-duty officers on site.

Action Item No. 2: Paid Duty Officers (PDOs) should be placed in areas of anticipated traffic overflow (e.g. on Mosley Street and Eastern Avenue at the entrance to the Fresh Co/Tim-Wendy’s plaza) in addition to the major intersections of the construction area.

Response: The TTC, contractor and City Transportation Services will be monitoring traffic flow issues in the area and assigning PDOs to appropriate locations as needed.

Follow-up has been made with Police Department (per action item 1)

Action Item No. 3: Eastern Avenue and Leslie Street is a dangerous intersection for cyclists and pedestrians. Are there special features for pedestrian and cyclist safety being added in the streetscaping plans?

Response: Yes. The northeast Eastern Avenue sidewalk will be widened and a planting has been added at the northeast corner that will prevent vehicles from mounting the sidewalk. Additionally, new pavement markings (zebra stripes) will be installed.

Action Item No. 4: The NW corner of the intersection at Eastern Avenue & Leslie Street floods, will it be re-graded or improved?



Response: Yes. There will be a new profile for Eastern Avenue with improved slopes. We are increasing catch basin capacity by installing a double catch basin located away from the crosswalk. Additionally, a new catch basin is under review for Eastern Avenue to the west, to further reduce flow towards the intersection.

Action Item No.5: Will the replacement bus service offer the same capacity as the streetcar?

Response: Service planning has confirmed that the 501 replacement bus service during the Leslie/Queen intersection construction in 2014 is planned every 10 minutes or better. The 83 Jones bus will receive more frequent service. Service on other bus routes in the area such as the 31 Greenwood will remain the same or will be improved.

Action Item No. 6: Beach express should make a stop on Leslie during construction.

Response: Service planning reviewed the request and indicated that this stop is not recommended at this time.

Action Item No.7: Can parking restrictions be extended on Eastern Avenue and Carlaw Avenue and can right turns be allowed from Carlaw onto Lake Shore on a red light and any other improvements planned?

Response: City Transportation Services indicated that both the proposed peak period parking prohibitions and allowance of right turns on the red light at Carlaw/Lake Shore are feasible but require further review. Parking on Carlaw adjacent to Morse Street Public School will not be affected at request of the school. Potential changes would focus south of Eastern Avenue.

- City Transportation will report back to the CLG.

Action Item No. 8: Contractor to share dust-mitigation plan at next meeting. City and TTC will inquire about surrounding streets and additional street sweeping during construction.

Response: Air and Dust monitoring and daily dust control measures are implemented.

These include:

- Washing down of street within work site
- Watering of site roads as required
- Avoiding long term stockpiles, and if not possible, tarping stock piles that are not in use
- 10km/hr speed limit for trucks entering and exiting site for safety and dust control

Additional proactive control measures, include but are not limited to:

- Truck Wheel Washing
- Tarping Trucks
- Wet cutting when cutting concrete



Action Item No.9: Ongoing coordination with Wheel-Trans during road construction required in advance of each phased of construction

Response: The Project Team is coordinating directly with Wheel-Trans to maintain access. Wheel Trans will contact individual customers in the project area to coordinate pickups in affected areas.

Action Item No. 10: TTC Community Liaisons to reach out to additional community groups/organizations for recruiting possibilities to the CLG. The Community Liaisons will also accept recommendations from the CLG.

Response: Ongoing Recruitment. Have reached out to recreational groups in the Port Lands offering information regarding joining the CLG.

Project Overview Presentation

An overview of construction phasing was presented by David Nagler that outlined the road closures and lane reductions anticipated over the next 5 months.

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.

- Q1: A question of clarification to the frequency of the 501 Streetcar replacement bus in the area, if the frequency of bus service is not increased how will this match the capacity of the streetcar?
- A1: The frequency of the 501 streetcar is now every 5-7 minutes in the daytime hours and every 10 minutes in the evening. The frequency and capacity of the replacement bus service reflects the usage in the particular stretch of the replacement bus area. It is scheduled for every 10 minutes or better at all times.
- Q2: The safety of riders is a particular concern. How far west can the stop go? If it can only go as far as west as Broadview or Parliament, can you provide security/PDOs at these stops?
- A2: The focus for transit planning is to get the replacement bus as far west as possible. This will be dependent on the number of buses available across the whole system and number of city wide construction projects. If resources are not available and the stop is at Parliament, security can be requested.
- C3: During previous construction, there has been poor signage for temporary bus stops (removed, vandalised). More permanent signage is needed during the Queen Street intersection work in 2014.
- A3: Will speak with Service Planning to create permanent stops during Queen/Leslie intersection construction and related re-routing. (Action Item #1)



- C4: It is not clear from a distance that the Martin Goodman Trail is accessible at the SE corner of Leslie and Lake Shore.
- C4: A sign will be added to indicate access to trail is open (Action Item #2)
- C5: We need significant lead time of closures to warn our customers and coordinate deliveries to our business.
- A5: Notification of closures will be provided as soon as a firm date is known. (Action Item #3)
- Q6: Where will the bus stop in front of the Duke be re-located to during the communication chamber work?
- A6: Location to be arranged through Service Planning and contractor (Action Item #4)
- Q7: When will the streetscaping begin on the corners of Queen Street & Curzon and Queen Street & Rushbrooke?
- A7: Streetscaping should begin in November but awaiting confirmation. (Action Item #5)
- Q8: What is the fade time of the new zebra crossings painted at the Leslie and Eastern intersection/How long will the stripes last?
- A8: The fade time depends on the type of paint. Regular paint lasts 1-2 years but due to the type of concrete used for the tracks, the zebra crossing will be done with special treatment that has a longer life span of approximately 10 years. Will confirm 10 year lifespan for next meeting (Action Item #6)
- Q9: Given that construction on Leslie Street is multi-year and the Queen 501 cannot serve Leslie Street during intersection construction in 2014, can the TTC provide discounted Metro Passes for Leslie residents directly adjacent to construction during the Queen/Leslie intersection closure in 2014?
- A9: Given the particular circumstances for Leslie Street residents who live beside the construction, the request can be provided to senior management for review and response. (Action Item 7)

Jim Faught closed the discussion period by thanking those who attended. A date for the next CLG Meeting was proposed for early September when more people can attend. Dates will be reviewed based on CLG member availability.

Meeting adjourned.



Action Items

- 1) Will consult Service Planning on whether the temporarily re-located bus stops during construction can have more permanent signage.
- 2) A sign will be placed at the SE entrance of the Martin Goodman Trail at Leslie and Lake Shore to clearly identify that path is open and accessible.
- 3) Will provide businesses and residents with as much notice as possible when the phased closure on Leslie Street is to begin.
- 4) Identify the re-located streetcar stop in front of the Duke during communication chamber work.
- 5) Confirm dates of Streetscaping on the corners of Queen Street & Curzon and Queen Street & Rushbrooke.
- 6) Confirm the type of paint used for the zebra crossing at Leslie Street and Eastern Avenue. Actions Items
- 7) Provide response to request for discounted metro passes for directly adjacent Leslie Street residents only, during Queen/Leslie intersection closure in 2014.