CAC sub-committee notes, Meeting on Tuesday Dec 1 2015, Committee Room 1(?), City Hall, by G.Sinclair

Present: Henk K., Jason J., George S., Maureen Z. (joined us ~4:30pm), Dave M. (joined ~?:?? pm)

Henk presented four items for discussion and possible action:

1) Cycling Mode Share of Total Transportation

A memo, prepared by Diane S. which consolidated historical and proposed transportation mode share numbers from various sources, including the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) & Smart Moves.

Discussion ensued mainly about whether the proposed mode share for cycling represented a reasonable target, or whether it was too low to be meaningful, and whether it was adequate to meet CAC's goal of achieving higher levels sooner.

No decision was taken; DS to be asked to provide further explanation when next we meet.

Follow-on Action: CAC needs to consider whether proposed mode share for cycling that appears in various planning documents (TMP, SM, Bicycle Master Plan) is appropriate, and if not, recommend a different number to council.

2) Items from last CAC sub-committee meeting

Notes from the last CAC sub-committee meeting (held Nov3, prepared by Wm P.) were presented. Group agreed that these needed to be considered by CAC as a whole at a future meeting. (Not sure if they're on the agenda for Dec...)

Follow-on Action: Forward these for inclusion at a future CAC regular meeting.

3) Recent Big Bike Giveaway

Henk submitted a note detailing the recent (successful!) big bike giveaway wherein about 100 bikes were given away to the public. HK noted that no part of the giveway involved mandatory safety equipment like helmets, bells, lights, etc. A short discussion ensued about whether there was (or ought to be) a roll for us (officially or un-officially) in addressing this situation. No action was taken or recommended.

4) Note to Diane S. from Jay S.

HK presented a note from Jay S. to Diane S. Appears to related to short-term cycling-related infratstructure, though the context / sub-text of the letter is not obvious.

Follow-on Action: Discuss at future CAC meeting (?)

5) Council's direction to Staff and Avisory Committees

A lively discussion about this issue took place, prompted by the letter to committee from L.Rowe, dated June 11 2015. Opponent of this initiative (mainly G.S.!) resented the arbitrary nature of this change (as committees were not asked their opinion on the matter), worry that if passed would have the effect of neutering the work of advisory committees by forcing them to submit work plans that link to the city's priorities as set out in the city's Strategic Plan, and that potentially at least, would prevent new ideas from reaching the politicians (if they weren't part of a Strategic plan already).

Follow-on Action: Discuss at future CAC meeting and act (or not) accordingly.

6) Implementing the "Idaho Stop" in London

HK showed a short video about the "Idaho Stop" that allows riders in that jurisdiction to roll through stop signs in a safe and legal manner. The group would support a similar law here.

Follow-on Action: Discuss and forward a recommendation through council that Ontario enact similar legislation, it being acknowledged that this is a matter of provincial responsibility.

G.S. left meeting.

Anything else transpire after my departure that needs noting?