CITY OF WINDSOR MINUTES 01/29/2025

Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2025
Time: 4:30 PM

Councillors
Ward 2 - Councillor Fabio Costante (Chairperson)
Ward 3 - Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Ward 4 - Councillor Mark McKenzie
Ward 8 - Councillor Gary Kaschak
Ward 9 - Councillor Kieran McKenzie

PARTICIPATING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Sandra Gebauer, Council Assistant

ALSO PARTICIPATING IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ARE THE FOLLOWING FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Jelena Payne, Commissioner, Economic Development
David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services & City Engineer
Wira Vendrasco, City Solicitor
Dana Paladino, Acting Senior Executive Director Corporate Service
Stephan Habrun, Acting Executive Director Transit Windsor
Stacey McGuire, Executive Director, Engineer/Deputy City Engineer
Matthew Johnson, Executive Director, Economic Development
Mark Spizzirri, Manager, Performance Measurement & Business Case Development
Ian Day, Senior Manager Traffic Operations/Parking
Adam Pillon, Manager of Right-of-Way
Kathleen Quenneville, Active Transportation Coordinator
Bill Kralovensky, Coordinator, Parking Services
Anna Ciacelli, Deputy City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson calls the meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee to order at 4:30 o'clock p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None disclosed.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ETPS STANDING COMMITTEE

3.1. Adoption of the Environment, Transportation, and Public Safety Standing Committee minutes of its meeting held November 27, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

THAT the minutes of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee meeting held November 27, 2024, **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino was absent from the meeting when the vote was taken on this matter.

Report Number: SCM 359/2024

4. REQUEST FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS

None requested.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

None presented.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS

None presented.

7. COMMITTEE MATTERS

7.1. Minutes of the Active Transportation Expert Panel of its meeting held October 28, 2024

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires about the number of times the group meets per year. Kathy Quenneville, Active Transportation Coordinator appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the "Minutes of the Active Transportation Expert Panel of its meeting held October 28, 2024" and indicates that they met three to four times, the mandate states they are to meet two to three times per year.

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 1039**
THAT the minutes of the Active Transportation Expert Panel meeting held October 28, 2024, **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 390/2024

7.2. 2024 Annual Report of the Active Transportation Expert Panel

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 1040**
THAT 2024 Annual Report of the Active Transportation Expert Panel **BE APPROVED.**
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 1/2025

7.3. 2024 Annual Report of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee

Councillor Kieran McKenzie commends the committee for their work and diligence.

Moved by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 1041**
THAT the 2024 Annual Report of the Environment & Climate Change Advisory Committee **BE APPROVED**.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 2/2025

7.4. 2024 Annual Report of the Transit Windsor Working Group

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires as to how many times the group meets per year.Jelena Payne, Commissioner, Economic Development appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the "2024 Annual Report of the Transit Windsor Working Group" and indicates that the group met once, but meetings are meant to be quarterly. Ms. Payne indicates that the clerk's office has been contacted and asked that the committee coordinator schedule four meetings for 2025.

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino

Decision Number: **ETPS 1042**
THAT the 2024 Annual Report of the Transit Windsor Working Group **BE APPROVED**.
Carried.

Report Number: SCM 6/2025

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

8.1. Automated Speed Enforcement Program Implementation – City wide

Councillor Mark McKenzie requests clarification regarding the run time of the speed enforcement devices. David Simpson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Services & City Engineer appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated January 7, 2025, entitled "Automated Speed Enforcement Program Implementation – City wide" and indicates that the municipality will decide the run time. School zones will align with the timing that school is in session. Mr. Simpson adds that the intent is that acquiring five mobile cameras will allow us to move them around every 2 months, operating at 250 days per year per camera.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires about the idea of a specified area as recommended by a councillor. Mr. Simpson indicates that we would need to abide by the city policies for community safety zones and school neighbourhoods. Both documents prescribe a criteria for the eligibility of a given site.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires whether the data supports the need if that would assist in the implementation in the recommended area. Mr. Simpson indicates that the existing speed data indicates some areas that may be eligible. Final validation will allow us to have the sites added to the by-law.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie requests confirmation about the cost for implementation of $1.2 Million. Mr. Simpson indicates that is correct.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether the potential revenue generated by this program would exceed the cost of implementation. Mr. Simpson indicates the intent is to operate at a budget neutral baseline and in the event of any nominal surplus revenues we would look to put that into a reserve

fund that could be reapplied to mobilize additional cameras or applying it back to other traffic calming initiatives.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether the $1.2 million is an annual expense or if there are related expenses that may be mitigated in upcoming years. Mr. Simpson indicates that is a long-term annualized expense, and it may be dictated by the number of penalty orders that may be issued. Mr. Simpson adds that administration's estimation is about 23,000 tickets per year, plus or minus through this program and you might expect a small drop off over time as driver compliance increases. But the cameras will migrate every 2 months city-wide to fifty plus locations. There is enough cycle time that it would be a sustainable impact at that rate.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether the cameras are the most effective traffic calming measure compared to other measures. Mr. Simpson indicates that the cameras are another tool that can be added to the toolbox. Mr. Simpson adds that there is no single standalone approach that will drive the best value for money, it is best to look at the unique applications, monitor the performance and adjust as needed to achieve the goal of making our roads safer.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether this is going to take away any other alternative methods for traffic calming. Mr. Simpson indicates that it is going to work in complement with the other methods of traffic calming. Prioritization of the camera location will be identified using the appropriate data measures.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether the data will be reviewed to identify the areas that need the cameras the most. Ian Day, Senior Manager, Traffic Operations & Parking appears before the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee regarding the administrative report dated January 7, 2025, entitled "Automated Speed Enforcement Program Implementation – City wide" and indicates that they identified 7 areas where speed radar feedback signs had already been placed and collected their data on which the estimates were based.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether the cameras are leased. Mr. Day indicates that is correct.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether the cameras are more expensive to purchase than to lease and if they are proprietary to Brampton. Mr. Day indicates that the Ministry must approve the supplier and is responsible for the installation, calibration, and certification of the cameras as a third-party.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires about the cost to purchase a camera. Mr. Day indicates that cameras cannot be purchased at this time. The City must go through a certified supplier by the ministry.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino inquires whether the cameras have the ability for add-ons such as noise pollution. Mr. Day indicates not at this time, they are intended for automated speed enforcement only.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires about the potential for damage that may be associated with moving cameras. Mr. Simpson indicates that is a risk, but any theft or vandalism would be covered through the annual lease rate.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires, with the plan for parking modernization, if the parking enforcement staff could potentially rotate to support this automated speed enforcement program. Mr. Simpson indicates that there is a small level of integration that can be afforded. By proposing to move to the administrative penalty framework, we can seamlessly harmonize what we are already using for our parking tickets. Red light camera and automated speed enforcement can be done within the same platform. There is a need for an additional administrative penalty hearing officer. We already have one in place dealing predominantly with just parking tickets.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether there is a reason that demerit points are not associated with these penalties. Mr. Simpson indicates that the automated speed enforcement takes a photo of a license plate and cannot verify the driver of the vehicle. The penalty is not assigned to a driver, only to the vehicle owner.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires about the time frame for implementation. Mr. Simpson indicates that they are in negotiations and are hoping to implement the program within 60 to 90 days of signing agreements, acquiring the equipment and coordinating installation.

Councillor Gary Kaschak inquires whether the municipality is able to determine the penalty pricing or if it is provincial jurisdiction. Mr. Simpson indicates that it is up to the municipality to set the threshold. There are best practices that we are aware of as to how that threshold is established and we will follow suit.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires whether we have an idea of what the threshold will be. Mr. Simpson indicates that at the staff level, we have determined an appropriate threshold based on municipal best practice.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires about the vandalism cases and whether it occurred to cameras that were at ground level and if our cameras are going to be mounted. Mr. Day indicates that the cameras they are considering are mounted.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires about the data reporting timeline. Mr. Simpson indicates that 2 years is proposed to provide a more substantive sample size. A report back at 1 year can be done should Council request it.

Councillor Kieran McKenzie inquires whether there will be baseline data to compare to. Mr. Simpson indicates that we have a good handle on the data from our speed feedback signs that are already in place. There are specific data reporting requirements back to the Ministry of Transportation as well.

Councillor Mark McKenzie inquires whether they are able to provide the data quarterly if asked by a councillor. Mr. Simpson indicates that they are happy to share that data.

Councillor Fabio Costante inquires about how many school zones and community safety zones have been identified throughout the city. Mr. Day indicates that thirteen community safety zones and two school zones have been identified. They are currently in the process of the school neighbourhood policy review. Next steps would be to conduct speed studies to be able to establish these school zones.

Councillor Fabio Costante indicates that once this program is rolled out, how many school zones are expected to be identified. Mr. Day indicates that we currently have twenty-five that have been run through the evaluation process and hope to have them all established before the school year begins.

Councillor Fabio Costante inquires whether the community safety zone number is expected to increase as well. Mr. Day indicates that community safety zones are initiated under a traffic calming policy then they follow all other criteria to establish a community safety zone. Mr. Day adds that they have not established other community safety zones because they didn't have a method of enforcement.

Councillor Fabio Costante inquires about the general terms that would classify a community safety zone. Mr. Day responds that a community safety zone is initiated through a request through 311 or referral from another policy. The factors considered are the presence of community buildings, including schools, parks and hospitals as well as the presence of other facilities that attract high or generate high volumes of pedestrian and cyclist traffic.

Moved by: Councillor Mark McKenzie
Seconded by: Councillor Gary Kaschak

Decision Number: **ETPS 1043**

1. THAT Council **APPROVE** the implementation of the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) and Red Light Camera (RLC) Administrative Penalty (AP) Systems and **AUTHORIZE** Administration to undertake all required steps for this as set out in the following Recommendations; and,

2. THAT Council **DIRECT** Administration to negotiate an ASE Violation Processing Services Agreement with the City of Brampton for the operation and cost sharing of their municipal Joint Processing Centre (JPC) for processing AP speeding violation penalties and issuing penalty orders; and further,

3. THAT Council **DIRECT** Administration to negotiate with JENOPTIK Smart Mobility Solutions, our current approved RLC equipment provider for the provision of ASE camera equipment; and further,

4. THAT Council **AUTHORIZE** Administration to enter into an Authorized Requester agreement with the Ministry of Transportation Ontario for the access to licence plate registry; and further,

5. THAT Council **AUTHORIZE** the addition of 2 FTE's (Transportation Technologist 1, AP Screening Officer), funded from program revenues, to oversee the operational aspects of the ASE and RLC programs; and further,

6. THAT Administration **PROVIDE** a report back to Council after two years of ASE implementation to summarize program effectiveness, budget, etc.; and further,

7. THAT Council **DIRECT** Administration to update the existing RLC Violation Processing Services Agreement with the City of Toronto for the operation and cost sharing of their municipal JPC (which currently processing violations and issuing tickets using POA framework) to an AP system which will process violation penalties and issuing penalty orders; and further,

8. THAT City Council **AUTHORIZE** the City Clerk and CAO to execute any required agreements and documents as considered necessary for program implementation and maintenance, satisfactory in legal content to the City Solicitor, in financial content to the City Treasurer, and in technical content to the City Engineer; and further,

9. THAT City Council **DIRECT** any resulting surplus in revenue, after all Administrative costs have been recovered, be transferred to the Traffic Calming Reserve (Fund TBD) to be used for purposes of traffic road and safety improvements; and further,

10. THAT Council **AUTHORIZE** Administration to prepare or amend any applicable by-laws, policies and undertake any processes or steps necessary to establish and implement an AP system for contraventions of ASE and RLC offences.

Carried.

Report Number: S 2/2025
Clerk's File: ST/13765

8.2. Banner Policy Implementation- City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Seconded by: Councillor Kieran McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 1044**
THAT Council **APPROVE** the attached Banner Policy Implementation.
Carried.

Report Number: S 4/2025
Clerk's File: APR2025

8.3. Way Finding Signs for "Place of Worship" - City Wide

Moved by: Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Seconded by: Councillor Mark McKenzie

Decision Number: **ETPS 1045**
THAT the report of the Senior Manager of Traffic Operations dated December 19, 2024, entitled "Way Finding Signs for "Place of Worship" - City Wide" an amendment to the Trailblazing and Identification Signs Policy **BE RECEIVED** by Council for information.
Carried.

Report Number: S 178/2024
Clerk's File: SW2025

9. TRANSIT BOARD ITEMS

None presented.

10. ADOPTION OF TRANSIT BOARD MINUTES

None presented.

11. QUESTION PERIOD

None registered.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee is adjourned at 5:04 o'clock p.m. The next meeting of the Environment, Transportation & Public Safety Standing Committee will be held Febraury 26, 2025.
Carried.

Ward 2 – Councillor Fabio Costante (Chairperson)	Deputy City Clerk / Supervisor of Council Services