



Deltaport Third Berth Project Community Liaison Committee (DCLC)

Meeting Notes

Date	October 25, 2007
Times	6:00 – 9:00pm
Location	Delta Town and Country

Meeting facilitated by: Charles Holmes, notes by Amanda Blair

In attendance: Teresa Cooper, Bernita Iversen, Farida Bishay, Linda McKay, Roger Emsley, Lori Lindahl, Mike Schneider, Robert Butler, Leslie Abramson, Colin Donaldson, Vic Rivers, Clint Morgan

Regrets: Michael Owen, Steve Bayley, Alan Cadwell, Carl Nygren, Andrew Bak

Staff in attendance: Naomi Horsford, VPA

Guests:

Tim Murphy, Manager of Roads and Transportation, Corporation of Delta

Willy Yung, Manager Engineering, VPA

Lyle Beaudoin, Deputy Police Chief, Delta Police

Sergeant Rhen Hallet, Delta Police

Officer Dutchy Charna, Delta Police

Fiona Smith, Director Trucking Initiatives, VPA

Steve Haywood, Ministry of Transportation (CVSE)

Dennis Bickel, Manager Logistics, VPA

Desired Meeting Results:

1. It was agreed that DCLC would strive to accomplish the following:



2. Review information exchange since last meeting.
3. Hear presentations from Delta and VPA engineers in regards to Highway 17 and develop an initial list of recommendations.
4. Hear presentation from VPA in regards to truck safety initiatives and develop an initial list of recommendations.
5. Review outstanding questions and make recommendations in regards to Air Quality.
6. Review outstanding questions and make recommendations in regards to Wildlife.

Welcome

Background:

- None.

Agreements:

- Agreed to Desired Meeting Results.
- Agreed to modify the Agenda and move the Guest Presentations to the beginning of the meeting.

Actions:

- None
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Guest Presentations

Background:

- Corporation of Delta, Delta Police Department, and VPA invited to give presentations to DCLC regarding Highway 17.
- Delta Police Department, Ministry of Transportation, and VPA invited to give presentations to DCLC regarding Truck Safety.



Highlights

Highway 17 – Willy Yung, Manager Engineering, VPA

- Road impact assessment completed November 2004.
- Recommendations from assessment:
 1. Advanced warning congestion system – This option has been taken off the table for fear of potential impact on Ladner Trunk Road.
 2. Increase capacity at Highway 17 and Ladner Trunk Road intersection
 - Conversion of LTR eastbound median GP left turn lane into HOV left turn lane and centre thru lane into combined thru/left turn lane. New eastbound curb thru lane is not proposed at this time; however, if other improvements do not show results, VPA is committed to reevaluating. Out of Ladner, the number of lanes will remain the same. Left and through traffic will occur at the same time.
 - Extending the Highway 17 HWY HOV lane south, which will add an additional lane through the intersection.
 - Almost half of the traffic comes from Ladner for the intersection; therefore, it is an important consideration. The results will be monitored ongoing.
 - New eastbound through lane is not proposed at this time; however, if other improvements do not show results, VPA is committed to re-evaluating.
 - The improvements will cost roughly 3 - 3.5 million dollars. VPA will fund the entire project.
 3. Geometric changes in SE quadrant of Ladner Interchange – Add acceleration lane to convert yield condition to merge condition.
 4. Restriction of commercial vehicles to curb lanes – MoT has confirmed signage requirements and they should be in place by the end of the year.



Truck Safety – Fiona Smith, Director Trucking Initiatives, VPA

- Mandatory truck licensing since the summer 2005.
- All container trucks have to have a license to access port property. This helps to effectively regulate the trucking system.
- Jan 2007 – the port has stopped licensing owner-operators. This is in effort to support the better business model of the company model.
- Compensation is regulated federally.
- Jan 2008 – No truck with an engine age older than 1989 will be allowed to access port property unless they can meet comparable age emissions standards that VPA sets. In Jan 2009 – No truck with engine age older than 1994 will be allowed to access port property unless they can meet comparable age emissions standards that VPA sets. Appeals paper is being presented this week for older trucks to meet standards.
- Results: The policy has already had positive effects in respect to emissions and safety. It is leading for North American environmental standards.
- Appointment & Reservations Systems: Mandatory
- Monitoring Program: Expanding mandatory RIFD tags for the entire fleet. This will give a more accurate picture of truck traffic.
- 2008 Truck Program: Allows the Port to take action on abuses that are happening outside of Port boundaries. Helps to monitor truck company behaviour. Signage is up on Highway 17 to restrict container truck to the outside lane. Contacted City of Delta about removing Ladner Trunk Road as a truck route.
- Port Operations Community Program: The program will continue in order to educate the truckers and to be a presence for community concerns related to port traffic.

Questions and Answers

Q: DCLC – What about making the extended lane on Ladner Trunk Road a regular lane rather than an HOV lane? More traffic is in single occupancy cars.



A: Corporation of Delta – The modeling shows that there would be an improvement in traffic flow with the extended lane an HOV lane. This fits better with the overall usability and long-term traffic plans.

Q: DCLC – What about monitoring the truck traffic changes with photo radar?

A: Delta Police – Photo radar is a provincial government issue. Currently the government is not in favour for this type of use of photo radar.

Q: What about lengthening the time of the traffic light at Highway 17 and Ladner Trunk Road to allow more trucks to get through each light?

A: VPA – The suggestion will be brought up with MoT during the design process.

Q: DCLC – What is happening with truck inspection?

A: MoT – Mandatory inspections are required on an annual basis. Annual vehicle inspections are conducted by private facilities. In addition, random truck inspections are being conducted on a regular basis. This is a joint effort by MoT, DPD and RCMP.

Q: DCLC – Rather than stopping on Deltaport Way, trucks are traveling in convoys far below the speed limit.

A: DPD – There is a minimum speed limit; however, DPD needs to balance monitoring aggressive driving and slow driving speed.

Q: DCLC – What is the minimum speed on Deltaport Way?

A: DPD – The rule of thumb is if the speed is impeding traffic. There is a concern about balancing priorities in the DPD Traffic Section.

Q: DCLC – What percentage of police resources can we expect in South Delta for this issue? Is there a need for additional resources?

A: DPD – It is a fluid system. Two people are on traffic truck detail at any given time and the team itself is comprised of 8 people. There is a need for additional resources.

A: Corporation of Delta – Having a secondary truck staging area is another option.



A: Charles – Encourages the committee to think of the root cause of the issue in addition to policing.

Review Actions from Last Meeting

All actions are complete.

Information Exchange since Last Meeting

Reports from members absent:

- Would like to see comparable truck traffic data from VPA as BC Ferries before completing Highway 17 recommendations.
- BC Ferries decision to cease sailings between Horseshoe Bay and Departure Bay has increased traffic at Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal.
- This has reportedly added 78,167 annual truck movements on Highway 17.
- Note: Numbers collected from BC Ferries previously by Mike Owen indicate 171,608 total number of trucks on Highway 17 bound into or out of BC Ferries Tsawwassen terminal for the year April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007.

Actions:

- None

Review Draft Presentation to Delta Council

Background:

- DCLC has been requested to present to Delta City Council. The date has been booked for November 19, 2007.
- Charles will be giving the presentation on behalf of DCLC.

Agreements:

- There are no changes to the presentation.



- Questions from Council that Charles is unable to answer will be noted and answered in the subsequent DCLC meeting. Responses will be communicated to Council in writing.
- Concern was raised that the DCLC logo does not specify DP3 and may be misleading in respect to the scope of the project.

Actions:

- Bernita Iverson to inquire with Delta Council about possible questions for DCLC presentation.
 - Communications Sub-Committee to revise the logo to include Deltaport Third Berth. This action is complete.
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Reports

Communications Sub-Committee

Background:

- DCLC Website: RFP was circulated via VPA. This was reviewed by the Communications Sub-Committee and VPA Purchasing Department. It followed detailed protocol and three proposals were received. The contract was awarded to Mike Schneider. The intent is to have a draft prepared by mid-December and to go live in the New Year. There will be information posted and the opportunity for the public to ask questions.
- Mike Schneider has stepped down from DCLC in order to complete the website contract.

Agreements:

- DCLC recommends the domain name www.deltaport3info.org for the website.
- Mike Schneider will continue to attend the DCLC meetings and receive communications for the website production.
- There is a new spot available at DCLC since Mike has stepped down. Terms of reference states that committee can have "up to 18" members and agreed to be open to new members joining. There has not been an agreement to actively search for new members.



Actions:

- None.

Noise Sub-Committee

Background:

- Noise Sub-Committee met with VPA, BKL and community members regarding the draft noise report that BKL produced for DCLC. The Sub-Committee is concerned about some conclusions in the report. BKL has agreed to review its findings.

Agreements:

- Noise Sub-Committee is recommending that VPA conduct a program to find all sources of the noise. The Sub-Committee would like to have input to the Terms of Reference for that project.
- Noise Sub-Committee is recommending that DCLC approach CN Railway in regards to the noise its train are creating at the Port.
- DCLC agrees to invite Steven Kinsey to participate with Noise Sub-Committee since he has already been working with VPA on this issue.

Actions:

- Naomi Horsford to follow up with BKL to find out its timeframe for completing the review of the noise report.
- Agreed that DCLC will approach CN Railway. Action will be assigned at next meeting.

Vancouver Port Authority

Background:



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- The next Open House has been booked November 24, 2-4pm at the Delta Town and Country.
- DP3 Community Amenity Fund meeting with Corporation of Delta is upcoming. Lori will bring forward the suggestion to have DCLC involved.
- Joint notice by TSI and VPA is being distributed to all vessels that arrive at Deltaport. The notice asks operators to monitor generator noise and air quality. Vessel operators have been very cooperative.

Agreements:

- None.

Actions:

- None.

Business

Highway 17

Recommendation: DCLC recommends that VPA consider contributing resources for enforcement related to increase Port related container truck traffic on Highway 17 and Deltaport Way.

Note: concern raised that VPA is not responsible for enforcement beyond port lands.

Recommendation did not have full consensus.

Discussion:

- How will VPA ensure that the funds are used for Hwy 17 safety?
- Is DPD able to share information with VPA regarding ticketing due to privacy?
- It is important to ensure that the RCMP is doing its part as well.
- Truck Licensing Program is another way that VPA is enforcing good driving practices.



- Colin identifies that Deltaport currently has an average of 1674 one-way truck trips. The average for 2006 is the same. This information should be incorporated into the fact sheet.

Action:

- Recommendation to VPA for consideration.

Air Quality

Background:

- VPA, Metro Vancouver, Environment Canada and Corp of Delta have commented on the Fact Sheets.

Agreements:

- DCLC agrees that the Fact Sheets can be posted publicly; however, they must highlight the outstanding items that need VPA follow-up. NOTE: air quality fact sheet has received comments from all agencies.

Actions:

- Naomi Horsford to post Fact Sheet online. The Fact Sheet will be dated and will indicate when and where further updates are made.
- VPA to respond to Delta's questions by Nov 29 meeting.

Wildlife

Background:

- Comments have just come in from Canadian Wildlife and BC Ministry of Environment.

Agreements:

- DCLC would like the Wildlife Fact Sheet circulated to the Department of Fisheries with a request for their comments.
- DCLC would like to see timelines inserted into VPA's responses.



Actions:

- Naomi Horsford to send the communication to the Department of Fisheries. She will work on the Fact Sheet in the meantime prior to DFO's responses. The integrated version will be ready for the next meeting.
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Review 2008 Meeting Schedule

Background:

- Proposed schedule:
 - February – February 28
 - April – April 24
 - June – June 26
 - August – August 28
 - September – September 25
 - November – November 27

Agreements:

- Addition of January meeting on January 17, 2008.
- All meetings until June are confirmed and the others are considered tentative.

Actions:

- None.

Determine Business for Next Meeting

Presentations:

- Metro Air Quality (30 minutes).
- Scientific Advisory Committee to present in January

Business:



- Response to Delta Council questions (15 minutes).
- Colin to review truck traffic data (15 minutes).
- Wildlife Fact Sheet Update.