



**TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
October 23, 2025**

PRESENT: Councillor Sam Austin, Chair
Councillor Kathryn Morse, Vice Chair
Councillor Trish Purdy
Councillor Shawn Cleary
Councillor Patty Cuttell
Councillor John Young

OTHERS PRESENT: Councillor Laura White

STAFF: Dave Reage, Executive Director, Strategic Infrastructure & Transportation Planning
Chris Giddens, Managing Solicitor
Elizabeth Macdonald, Legislative Assistant
Krista Vining, Team Lead, Legislative Assistants

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and acknowledged that the meeting took place in the traditional and ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq people, and that we are all treaty people.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 25, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Cuttell, seconded by Councillor Morse

THAT the minutes of September 25, 2025 be approved as circulated.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Additions: None

Deletions: None

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE

5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE

6. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION – NONE

7. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION – NONE

8. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS – NONE

9. NOTICES OF TABLED MATTERS – NONE

10. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS

10.1 Correspondence

Correspondence was received and circulated for item 13.1.1.

For a detailed list of correspondence received refer to the specific agenda item.

10.2 Petitions – None

10.3 Presentation – None

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Matt Stickland, District 2 spoke to the 2025 Road Safety Annual Report, noting concerns regarding the increased rate of fatal and serious injury collisions and explained safer road infrastructure design would lead to a decrease in incidents.

Anne Overgaard, Halifax spoke on behalf of Halifax Cycling Coalition on the 2025 Road Safety Annual Report. Overgaard spoke to the importance of convenient, affordable and reliable public transit, the synergistic relationship between protected bike lanes, affordable bike share programs and public transportation, the Coalition's support for the Integrated Mobility Plan and their advocacy regarding the

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Windsor Street Exchange. Overgaard noted the negative impacts to the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) due to the cancellation of the Spring Garden Road Transit-Only Pilot Project and recommended the Standing Committee request a staff report on the system level performance, timelines, and key performance indicators of the BRT. Overgaard responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD – NONE

13. REPORTS

13.1 STAFF

13.1.1 2025 Road Safety Annual Report

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- Staff report dated October 10, 2025
- Correspondence from David Trueman, Hannah Rodgers, Kelly Granigan, Sean Granigan, Dr. Sara Kirk, Norm Collins, Martyn Williams
- Staff presentation dated October 23, 2025

MOVED by Councillor Morse, seconded by Councillor Young

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee receive the staff report dated October 10, 2025 for information and receive a presentation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Sam Trask, Supervisor Road Safety & Transportation gave a presentation. Trask noted the 93 traffic calming projects on slide 10 included 30 which were carried-over from the 2023 construction season and the number of new RA-5 crosswalks was incorrectly listed as 5 instead of 2 on slide 11.

Task, Roddy MacIntyre, Director Traffic & Parking Management, Lucas Pitts, Executive Director, Public Works and Superintendent Greg Robertson, Support Division, Halifax Regional Police responded to questions of clarification from the Standing Committee.

MOVED by Councillor Purdy, seconded by Councillor Cuttell

THAT the Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council receive the 2025 Road Safety Annual Report for information and presentation.

MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

14. MOTIONS – NONE

15. IN CAMERA (IN PRIVATE) – NONE

16. ADDED ITEMS – NONE

17. NOTICES OF MOTION – NONE

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS – November 20th (Special), November 27th and December 8, 2025

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

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Elizabeth Macdonald
Legislative Assistant