

Request for Decision

Transportation Master Plan

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Resolution

THAT Staff finalizes the Transportation Study Report all in accordance with the report from General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated December 13, 2016.

Background

One of the most vital aspects of daily life in a municipality is how people and products move around. As part of the Official Plan Review Project, the City is updating the Transportation Study undertaken in support of the existing Official Plan. This update takes a comprehensive look at how the City moves around and how mobility methods and needs will change over the next 15 years. The focus of this study update is to address policies to guide the development of a comprehensive and sustainable network that will accommodate all modes of transportation, including cycling and walking, in a healthy community.

Updating the Transportation Study Report (TSR) began in 2012, and has included a comprehensive public consultation process.

This process has included a project website, an online survey, three public consultation sessions, and a Public Input and Information Session of Council. The three public consultation sessions also included a comment period of at least thirty days.

Council recommended that Staff finalize the Transportation Study Report as noted in the response section of the comment summary and to bring the final version of the Transportation Master Plan back to Council.

Summary of Changes

The TSR has been updated, including the Council resolution on the proposed Montrose Avenue North extension and new sections on transportation demand management and pedestrian safety. Since the Council meeting, additional consultation with the Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel (SMAP) has been conducted. The active transportation maps incorporate SMAP comments. Other edits include consolidating all sections related to public consultation into one chapter, updating the analysis of the Kingsway and Silver Hills Drive intersection to reflect the new lane configuration and some minor text edits throughout the

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document. The following is a summary of the changes made:

Proposed Montrose Avenue North Extension

Section 7.4, Montrose Avenue North, has been updated to reflect Council Resolution CC2015-345, where Council directed that the extension of Montrose Avenue north to Maley Drive would be a meandering connection and not a direct connection.

Transportation Demand Management

Section 10.10 has been added to the report to address transportation demand management (TDM). The section defines TDM, describes what is required for a successful TDM program, gives examples from across North America and lists the components of a TDM plan. The section concludes with a recommendation for the City to prepare a TDM plan and outlines the components of such a plan.

Pedestrian Safety

A new Section 10.11 has been prepared to provide general guidance on pedestrian safety. Six different measures are presented. Individual intersections would need to be studied on a case-by-case basis to determine the most appropriate measures to implement to improve pedestrian safety.

Additional Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel Consultation

A meeting was held with the Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel to review their comments on the active transportation maps. Comments regarding active transportation routes have been incorporated into the active transportation network facility type maps and the phasing maps.

Consolidation of Consultation Activities into One Chapter

All of the consultation undertaken as part of the TSR has been summarized and grouped into Chapter 2. The chapter has been updated to reflect the October 20, 2015 Council presentation and the June 28, 2016 meeting with the Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel.

Updated Intersection Analysis

A northern leg has been constructed at the intersection of the Kingsway and Silver Hills Drive. The text in Section 3.2.6 has been updated to reflect the new configuration of the intersection, new traffic volumes that were collected in 2016 and the new analysis of the intersection performance.

Next Steps

It is recommended to finalize the Transportation Study. This involves publishing a Notice of Completion and providing a final 30 day comment period. If there are any concerns that cannot be resolved through negotiation with Staff, then a request can be made to the Minister of the Environment to require the City to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order). Should no Part II Orders be received, Staff will proceed with implementing the Transportation Study, which will include:

- Finalizing the policies identified, examples include the Sidewalk Priority Index, Complete Streets, and Travel Demand Management.
- Updating the Official Plan.
- Implementing the Active Transportation Master Plan component with the capital budget for active transportation approved by Council in 2015, and including the proposed active transportation facilities in the road design of future projects.
- All other recommendations within the Transportation Study Report.

It is important to note that the Transportation Study is a living document. The Transportation Study will act as a guide for Staff in commenting on planning applications and preparing the capital budget. Implementation of the Transportation Study's recommendations will require approval of Council for subsequent studies or construction.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Staff finalize the Transportation Study Report by updating the Consultation Register and publishing the Notice of Completion.