Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – June 18, 2014

REPORTS

Minute No. 388 Nairn Avenue Overpass Traffic Mitigation Measures

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That the following traffic mitigation measures be immediately undertaken by the Winnipeg Public Service; namely;

    A. All Winnipeg Transit Buses that utilize the Nairn overpass be temporarily diverted to Talbot Avenue; as required.

    B. That traffic control signals be installed at Mission Street and Panet Road.

    C. That, subject to CN and Transport Canada approvals, a single lane on Foster Street be constructed, south of Tyne Avenue to accommodate one-way southbound traffic connecting through to Mission Street.

    D. That the existing traffic control signals at Mission Street and Archibald Street be re-synchronized to accommodate the existing greater westbound traffic volumes on Mission Street.

2. That improvements outlined in Recommendations 1.B. and 1.C. above, at an estimated cost of $350,000, be funded from the Transcona Ward share of 2014 and/or 2015 Local Street Renewal Program.

3. That to minimize any throw-away costs, the Foster Street improvements be later converted to a permanent Active Transportation Corridor and be made part of the City's AT Network and that the Traffic Control Signals at Mission Street and Panet Road be maintained.

4. That the Winnipeg Public Service do all things necessary to improve traffic flows and minimize disruptions during the Nairn Overpass repairs and that the City immediately communicate the need for the overpass repairs and mitigation/detour measures.

5. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than 96 hours preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service estimates that 40,000 vehicles use the Nairn Avenue Overpass on a daily basis at peak hours;

AND WHEREAS the public service repairs to the Nairn Overpass are estimated not to be completed until November, 2014, disrupting traffic on this major thoroughfare;

AND WHEREAS, transportation alternatives exist and were employed in 1985/1986 during a one year closure of the Nairn Overpass and at a time when traffic volumes were much lower than todays;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following traffic mitigation measures be immediately undertaken by the Public Service; namely;

(A) All Winnipeg Transit Buses that utilize the Nairn overpass be temporarily diverted to Talbot Avenue; as required.

(B) That traffic control signals be installed at Mission Street and Panet Road.

(C) That, subject to CN and Transport Canada approvals, a single lane on Foster Street be constructed, south of Tyne Avenue to accommodate one-way southbound traffic connecting through to Mission Street.

(D) That the existing traffic control signals at Mission Street and Archibald Street be re-synchronized to accommodate the existing greater westbound traffic volumes on Mission Street.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that improvements outlined in Recommendations (B) and (C) above, at an estimated cost of $350,000, be funded from the Transcona Ward share of 2014 and/or 2015 Local Street Renewal Program;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to minimize any throw-a-way costs, that the Foster Street improvements be later converted to a permanent Active Transportation Corridor and be made part of the City's AT Network and that the Traffic Control Signals at Mission Street and Panet Road be maintained;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service do all things necessary to improve traffic flows and minimize disruptions during the Nairn Overpass repairs and that the City immediately communicate the need for the overpass repairs and mitigation/detour measures.

and forwarded to Council.

Carried