Minute No. 262
Report – Executive Policy Committee – April 9, 2019

Item No. 4 Road Safety Improvements

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to:

    A. Work with Manitoba Public Insurance to ensure that data required to analyze potential road safety improvements is provided to the City of Winnipeg in a timely manner;

    B. Do all things necessary to utilize the City of Winnipeg's traffic cameras, managed by the Transportation Management Centre, to improve road safety in the City of Winnipeg;

    C. Establish a cross-departmental group to coordinate priorities and strategic implementation of road safety initiatives;

    D. Report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works specifying which capital investments in roadside safety can be undertaken in 2019, subject to the allocation of any new funding, including a portion of the additional one-time Federal Gas Tax funding.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 9, 2019, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is committed to the core principle of '*Towards Zero'* that it is unacceptable for anyone to be killed or seriously injured when moving within the road transport system;

AND WHEREAS on January 10, 2017 the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works directed the Winnipeg Public Service to create a road safety strategy, which takes into consideration the principles of 'Towards Zero', and report back within 365 days;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service worked with the Provincial Government in their preparation of the "Manitoba Road Safety Plan 2017-2020" which was released publicly on September 29, 2017;

AND WHEREAS on January 9, 2018 the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works accepted the public service report which outlined how the Manitoba Road Safety Plan will provide the focused strategic direction for road safety in the City of Winnipeg and listed current and upcoming areas of focus aligned with the Road Safety Plan.

AND WHEREAS on January 9, 2018 the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works directed the Winnipeg Public Service to provide quarterly verbal reports on the progress of the road safety strategy;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Public Service continues to provide quarterly updates on road safety but the regular actions being taken to analyze and improve road safety are not readily available in a central location for council and the public to refer to;

AND WHEREAS the data required to analyze potential road safety improvements is generated by Manitoba Public Insurance and from traffic studies conducted by the Public Works Department;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS traffic studies are one of the few tools that allow Council to request a safety analysis of an element on the road network;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has access to technology that could assist with the gathering of data and analysis of the road network, including but not limited to, high definition cameras throughout the entire city;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to:

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2. Do all things necessary to utilize the City of Winnipeg's traffic cameras, managed by the Transportation Management Centre, to improve road safety in the City of Winnipeg;

3. Establish a cross-departmental group to coordinate priorities and strategic implementation of road safety initiatives;

4. Report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works specifying which capital investments in roadside safety can be undertaken in 2019, subject to the allocation of any new funding, including a portion of the additional one-time Federal Gas Tax funding.

and submitted the matter to Council.