Minute No. 144
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – January 7, 2020

Item No. 2 Conversion of Diamond Lanes into High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and adopted the following:

1. That the study of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes be referred to the Transportation Master Plan for consideration.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Allard,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 21, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 7, 2020, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works considered the Council Motion of November 21, 2019, and submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the study of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes be referred to the Transportation Master Plan for consideration.

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

COUNCIL DECISION:

On November 21, 2019, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Nason,
Seconded by Councillor Klein,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg utilizes reserved diamonds lanes to increase the speed and reliability of the transit service while providing a safe lane for cyclists;

AND WHEREAS on December 13, 2017, City Council adopted a resolution to permit licensed taxis to travel in diamond lanes on a one-year trial basis;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS on June 20, 2019, City Council authorized the continued use of diamond lanes by taxis;

AND WHEREAS cities around the world utilize High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, which are typically reserved for the use of vehicles with three or more passengers, including taxis and buses;

AND WHEREAS HOV lanes are not currently used in the City;

AND WHEREAS converting diamond lanes into HOV lanes would reward carpooling and support a greener commute;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on the conversion of diamond lanes into high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, to be used by vehicles with three or more passengers, buses, taxis and cyclists.