Minute No. 761
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – October 12, 2021

Item No. 8 Including Active Transportation Criteria in the Road Renewal Budget

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That in accordance with Section 16 (4) and 56(4) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007, an extension of time of 180 days be granted for the Executive Policy Committee to submit a recommendation on the matter.

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 Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 20, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That in accordance with Section 16 (4) and 56(4) of the Procedure By-law No. 50/2007, an extension of time of 180 days be granted for the Executive Policy Committee to submit a recommendation on the matter.

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

The following persons submitted communications in support of the matter:

- Kathrin Moncaster submitted a communication dated October 18, 2021
- S. Snyder submitted a communication dated October 19, 2021
- Ian Walker submitted a communication dated October 19, 2021
- Mark Cohoe, Executive Director, Bike Winnipeg, submitted a communication
- Michael Hamm submitted a communication
- Theo Jerrett-Enns submitted a communication dated October 19, 2021

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 12, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works considered the Council Motion of September 29, 2021, and recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That criteria be added to the local and regional street renewal reserve to include active transportation projects as part of road renewals in order to provide a new funding source, where appropriate.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

2. That the Province of Manitoba be requested to match the City's active transportation spending, given the benefits related to the construction of active transportation facilities, including positive health outcomes for Manitobans, in line with Winnipeg and Manitoba's Climate Action Plans.

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

The following persons submitted communications in support of the matter:

- Adam Johnston submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- David Alper submitted a communication dated October 7, 2021
- Kathrin Moncaster submitted a communication dated October 7, 2021
- Ray Grewal submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Thomas Novak submitted a communication dated October 7, 2021
- Phanie Nixon submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Monique Olivier submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Ian Walker submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Kevin Miller submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Pat Fortier submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Warren Livingstone submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Aurora Debreuil submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Karla Braun submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Ashley Challinor submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Sarah Phillips submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Steve West submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Charles Feaver submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Benjamin Meek submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Dave Elmore submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Emma Durand-Wood submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Julia Schroeder submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Marie-Anne Beaudette submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Mark Cohoe, Executive Director, Bike Winnipeg, submitted a communication dated October 12, 2021
- Magaly Paquet, on behalf of Mères au Front, submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

- Patrice Wilken submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021
- Mel Marginet, Green Action Centre, submitted a presentation dated October 12, 2021
- Julian Nedohin-Macek submitted a communication dated October 9, 2021
- Louella Lester submitted a communication dated October 9, 2021
- Margaret Yole submitted a communication dated October 8, 2021

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 29, 2021, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS winning the fight against climate change is vital to the survival of future generations, and the City has committed to a Winnipeg Climate Action Plan;

AND WHEREAS the climate action committee had previously recommended to the Mayor that the Office of Sustainability report through the Chief Administrative Office because of the importance of the role, and the cross departmental aspect of community greenhouse and corporate gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS mode shift is a major component of the climate action plan, which aims to shift the mode of transportation within the City to 50% by 2030;

AND WHEREAS despite being the policy of Council to build active transportation during road renewals in a line with the City's pedestrian and cycling strategies using road renewal dollars, there have been many cases in which this policy has not been achieved;

AND WHEREAS the outcome of this practice is that road renewals dollars that would normally have been assigned to active transportation are not spent on active transportation and less active transportation facilities are built than could have been with road renewal dollars;

AND WHEREAS green house gases from private vehicle travel currently accounts for approximately 50% of community emissions;

AND WHEREAS the construction of active transportation amenities is one of the best ways to encourage mode shift in citizens and reduce the dependence on the automobiles, which in turn contributes to the reduction of green house gas emissions in line with the Climate Action Plan which aims to achieve mode shift of 50% by 2030;

THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT criteria be added to the road renewal budget to include active transportation projects as part of road renewals in order to provide a new funding source, where appropriate.