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Report – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – April 11, 2023

Item No. 6 Kildare Avenue Enhancement Program

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 18, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Committee in 150 days on the following:

    A. A budget to be identified, for future approval, for the purpose of providing said engineering designs.

    B. A budget to be identified, for future approval, for public consultation for this initiative pertaining to said designs.

    C. A capital budget to be identified, for future approval, that would cover the capital costs of said program, and could be considered and spread over a 2-3-year time period of the capital budget for project construction.

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:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 18, 2023, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On April 11, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works considered the Council Motion of March 23, 2023, and recommended to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Standing Committee in 150 days on the following:

    A. A budget to be identified, for future approval, for the purpose of providing said engineering designs.

    B. A budget to be identified, for future approval, for public consultation for this initiative pertaining to said designs.

    C. A capital budget to be identified, for future approval, that would cover the capital costs of said program, and could be considered and spread over a 2-3-year time period of the capital budget for project construction.

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 March 23, 2023, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Browaty,

WHEREAS the intersection of Bond Street and Kildare Avenue West is the location of a recent vehicular accident causing a tragic loss of life that has affected the entire Transcona community and highlighted the need for new traffic measures;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the community has expressed support and called for additional traffic control measures, including a four way stop;

AND WHEREAS Kildare Avenue East and West is a significant collector street in Transcona, with numerous stop signs along its route, causing traffic congestion at peak periods and increased driver times;

AND WHEREAS there is an inability to properly enforce full stops at the existing traffic signs on Kildare Avenue East and West, as required by law;

AND WHEREAS Kildare Avenue East and West has the benefit of large boulevards on its north and south side, providing for the ability to build proper traffic circles and a new east/west active transportation route/bike path along the length of Kildare Avenue East and West;

AND WHEREAS the City Councillor for the Transcona Ward has met with the traffic planning office of Public Works to consider converting Kildare Avenue East and West through the adoption of large traffic circles at certain connecting streets;

AND WHEREAS the City Councillor for the Transcona Ward has met with the traffic planning office of Public Works to consider closing certain residential streets that presently intersect with Kildare Avenue East and West to create "T" intersections, such as at Bond Street on the north or south side of Kildare Avenue;

AND WHEREAS: the traffic planning office of Public Works has been receptive and supportive of this potential initiative;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works endorse the Kildare Avenue Enhancement Program, in principle, to allow for:

    A. A budget to be identified, for future approval, for the purpose of providing said engineering designs.

    B. A budget to be identified, for future approval, for public consultation for this initiative pertaining to said designs.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

C. A capital budget to be identified, for future approval, that would cover the capital costs of said program, and could be considered and spread over a 2-3-year time period of the capital budget for project construction.

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