Minute No. 409
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Public Works – April 11, 2023

Item No. 2 Report of the Traffic Engineering Improvement Program

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

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

    A. A detailed list of projects that are already are funded with $9,860,476 remaining unspent, the warranted and unfunded Traffic Engineering Program of $7,886,070 for a total of $$17,746,546 of projects.

    B. An updated list of warranted and unfunded Traffic Engineering Program Enhancement Program projects.

    C. Options for fully funding the Traffic Engineering Improvement Program and/or the upcoming Road Safety Program.

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 Lukes,

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

Carried

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 February 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 Policy Committee on Public Works in 150 days with the following:

    A. A detailed list of projects that are already are funded with $9,860,476 remaining unspent, the warranted and unfunded Traffic Engineering Program of $7,886,070 for a total of $$17,746,546 of projects.

    B. An updated list of warranted and unfunded Traffic Engineering Program Enhancement Program projects.

    C. Options for fully funding the Traffic Engineering Improvement Program and/or the upcoming Road Safety Program.

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

On March 7, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works laid the matter over to its meeting on April 11, 2023.

David Grant submitted a communication with respect to the matter.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS road safety is a priority for Winnipeggers because of fatalities and injuries having detrimental effects, millions of dollars of monies for Traffic Engineering Upgrades remain unspent, and millions of dollars of upgrades are warranted and unfunded by Council leaving the responsibility on City Council to approve the funds necessary to improve road safety based on public service recommendations;

AND WHEREAS in the Capital Expenditures Monthly Report dated May 16, 2022, the Traffic Engineering Improvements section totals $9,860,476;

AND WHEREAS as noted in Appendix A of the report titled "Warranted Projects within the Traffic Engineering Improvement Program" the total for all funded 2022 Traffic Engineering Improvement Programs (TEIP) projects and Contingency and Reserve Funds for New Projects Throughout 2022 is $2,460,000;

AND WHEREAS the total cost of warranted, but unfunded projects, within the TEIP is estimated at $7,886,070, as identified in the report titled "Warranted Projects within the Traffic Engineering Improvement Program" considered by the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works on April 6, 2022;

AND WHEREAS the Preliminary 2023 Operating and Capital Budget only awards an additional $1.3 million in new spending, leaving $6,586,070 of unfunded projects for road safety ($7,886,070 - $1,300,000 = $6,586,070);

AND WHEREAS what projects in approved projects with unspent funding of $9,860,476 are not identified in detail in the Traffic Engineering Improvements section of the capital project reporting;

AND WHEREAS as of April 30, 2022, $9,860,476 in unspent monies without detail for capital Traffic Engineering Upgrades, plus the cost of $7,886,070 in warranted but unfunded projects equals $17,746,546 of traffic engineering improvement project monies that are either unspent or warranted and unfunded;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS this list of warranted projects is dated and should be updated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Winnipeg Public Service be directed to publish the following documents:

    A. A detailed list of projects that are already are funded with $9,860,476 remaining unspent, the warranted and unfunded Traffic Engineering Program of $7,886,070 for a total of $$17,746,546 of projects.

    B. An updated list of warranted and unfunded Traffic Engineering Program Enhancement Program projects.

2. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to develop multiple proposals and budgets to fully fund the Traffic Engineering Improvement Program and/or the upcoming Road Safety Program as part of the 2024 multi-year budget process.