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Item No. 1 Climate Impacts of Infrastructure Improvements

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 4, 2024, the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment concurred in the Council Motion of February 22, 2024, as amended, and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Climate Action and Resilience Committee at its October 28, 2024 meeting on the direct climate impacts of the widening of Kenaston Boulevard (Route 90 Improvements).

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:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 4, 2024, the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment concurred in the Council Motion of February 22, 2024, with the following amendments:

- In Recommendation 1, add the words "at its October 28, 2024 meeting" after the words "Climate Action and Resilience Committee"

- Delete Recommendation 2 in its entirety

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 22, 2024, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment:

Moved by Councillor Allard,
Seconded by Councillor Gilroy,

WHEREAS the proposed 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget is still planning a $558 million widening of Kenaston Boulevard, which is a single road widening project that is greater than the cost of the $514 million six-year capital forecast for the entire local street renewal budget;

AND WHEREAS the renewal of streets may be beneficial to climate action including the construction of active transportation facilities, road safety enhancement, as well as improvement to the bus service with better roads, without expanding the road network;

AND WHEREAS net-new additions to the road network are known to induce demand for personal vehicle travel;

AND WHEREAS personal vehicle travel is responsible for about half of the greenhouse gas emissions in Winnipeg, according to the last climate inventory report of Council;

AND WHEREAS Council has previously directed the public service to create a Transportation Master Plan that would incorporate a modal shift from single passenger personal vehicle travel to other modes of travel by 50% by 2030;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg adopted a Climate Action Plan with goals to 2030;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Climate Action and Resilience Committee on the following:

1. The direct climate impacts of the widening of Kenaston Boulevard (Route 90 Improvements).

2. A summary of other municipal infrastructure improvements that would be comparable in size, scope and resources to the widening of Kenaston Boulevard (Route 90 Improvements), and would support the City's climate action goals.