

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN, OTTAWA PEDESTRIAN PLAN, AND
OTTAWA CYCLING PLAN – SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE REVIEW AND
UPDATE

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City Wide

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That Transportation Committee recommend that Council approve the approach, scope and timing for the review and update of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP), Ottawa Pedestrian Plan (OPP), and Ottawa Cycling Plan (OCP), as detailed in this report.

At the outset, the Committee received a detailed slide presentation overview of the report from Vivi Chi, Director, Transportation Planning, Transportation Services Department (TSD), Kornel Mucsi, Program Manager, Transportation Policy & Networks, TSD and Robert Grimwood, Senior Project Manager, Sustainable Transportation, TSD. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the City Clerk.

John Woodhouse speaking as a Member of the Council on Aging, Healthy Transport Coalition, Ottawa Transit Riders and Ottawa Disability Coalition noted the issues most concerning are related to having safe sidewalks as well as snow cleared sidewalks and transit stops during the winter months.

Alex Cullen, Vice President, Federation of Citizens Associations (FCA)* and Chair of their Transportation Committee. His presentation outlined 16 recommendations, highlighting in red the ones to be addressed in this TMP process and noted that the FCA will be working closely with staff during the TMP.

Sally Thomas* touched on issues with respect to pedestrians in wheelchairs and the challenges they face including sidewalk curbs, brick sidewalks and beg buttons that are too high to reach.

Trevor Haché, Healthy Transportation Coalition* indicated they were pleased that there is a commitment to equity and inclusion in the scope and timing of the report.

Carol G. Smith expressed concerns related to sidewalk clearing during the winter months and the impacts on those with mobility issues and the elderly.

Emma Coulter indicated she would submit a video to the Committee depicting community members sharing their experiences using public transportation and the barriers they face. The City needs to do their part in advancing travellers towards equitable and inclusive transportation especially for cyclers, people on low income and those with mobility issues.

Erin Andrews stated the refresh of the TMP is an opportunity to honour the commitment of the Equity and Inclusion lens. The workplan needs to include time for meaningful consultation with the needs of marginalized people at the forefront.

Written correspondence was also received from the following:

- Mr. John Verbaas*
- Roddy Bolivar*

*[* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions are held on file with the City Clerk.]*

Discussions having concluded, the report recommendations were put before the Committee and were “CARRIED”, as presented, along with the following Direction to Staff:

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

As part of the strategic directions, that the TMP review consider all new road building and road extensions through a climate lens, acknowledge the concept of 'induced demand', and ensure cost-benefit/TDM best practices for Ottawa to reduce car dependency.