
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

3. KANATA LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY (MOODIE DRIVE TO HAZELDEAN ROAD) – RECOMMENDATIONS

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KANATA NORTH (4); STITTSVILLE
(6); BAY (7); COLLEGE (8); KANATA
SOUTH (23)

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That Transportation Committee recommend that Council:

- 1. Approve the functional design for the Kanata Light Rail Transit (Moodie Drive to Hazeldean Road), as described in this report and supporting documents one and two; and,**
- 2. Direct Transportation Planning staff to initiate the Transit Project Assessment Process in accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (Regulation 231/08), including the preparation and filing of the Environmental Project Report for final public review and comment.**

Angela Taylor, Senior Project Manager, Environmental Assessment, Transportation Services Department (TSD) gave a detailed presentation on the item. A copy of her PowerPoint presentation is held on file with the City Clerk. Accompanying Ms. Taylor was Vivi Chi, Director, Transportation Planning, TSD and Paul Croft, Parsons Corporation. John Manconi, General Manager, TSD

and Tim Marc, Senior Legal Counsel, Planning, Development and Real Estate, Office of the City Clerk and Solicitor, were also in attendance to answer questions.

The following delegations spoke generally in support of the report, noting various benefits to the community:

- Randy Kemp, Bike Ottawa
- Trevor Hache, Vice-President, Healthy Transportation Coalition
- David Gourlay
- Steve Anderson, President, Katimavik-Hazeldean Community Association
- Jesse Steinburg
- Catherine Boucher

The primary concerns and comments included (but were not necessarily limited to):

- Safety for pedestrians and cyclists;
- Traffic calming;
- Need for a more integrated approach to include affordable housing;
- Affordable access to quality public transit, and;
- Location of Light Rail Transit.

The committee received the following correspondence

- Ursula K. Melinz, Soloway Wright LLP (*on behalf of Minto*)
- Faith Blacquiere

*[* 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.]*

Having heard from the delegations, Councillor McKenney provided the directions to staff noted immediately below. However, Mr. Marc suggested that, given the broad scope of the proposed directions, they would be more appropriately submitted during Council consideration of this item on 9 May 2018:

- Produce a list of properties within 600 meters of all existing and future light rail stations, of City and other government-owned lands that could be used for affordable housing.
- Form a working committee consisting of Planning, Transportation, Real Estate and Housing staff, to come up with a strategy on how to ensure that as Light Rail is built, consideration is given to affordable housing at or near the Light Rail stations.

Committee's questions to staff and deliberations included matters related to points raised by the delegations, initiatives to address concerns related to affordable housing, and ridership projections.

Having concluded deliberations, the Committee CARRIED the staff recommendation as presented with the following direction to staff:

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

That staff provide the ridership projection from the Kanata Environmental Assessment Study prior to Council on 9 May 2018.