



Ottawa City Council

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Disposition of Items Approved by Committees under Delegated Authority

Transportation Committee

For the information of Council, the following item was approved by the Transportation Committee under Delegated Authority, at its meeting of December 1, 2021:

Motion - Scope a Study to Improve Active Transportation Facilities and Enhance Transit Operations

City Wide

WHEREAS the staff report for the Bank Street in the Glebe Height and Character Study and Secondary Plan identifies a relationship between the configuration of transportation elements in the right-of-way and the built form character of the street, but acknowledges that specific transportation recommendations are outside the scope of the study; and

WHEREAS the new Official Plan contains mobility and urban design policies (4.1.4 #6 and 4.6.3 #3) that prioritize the safety of pedestrian, cycling and transit modes in the Urban Area and Villages and supports the repurposing of space in the right-of-way in favour of active transportation, transit, and public realm and safety improvements; and

WHEREAS the new Official Plan contains policies that support improvements to equity for the most vulnerable road users and gender equity, prioritize a shift towards energy efficient transportation modes (2.2.3 #3), and 15-minute neighbourhoods where daily services and amenities are attainable by walking or cycling (2.2.4 #1); and

WHEREAS Lansdowne is also undergoing the next phase of re-development which will continue to emphasize sustainable modes of transportation and active transportation to access the site; and

WHEREAS Bank Street is also identified as a transit priority corridor (isolated measures) in the current Transportation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS any modification to the current use of Bank Street's limited right-of-way will require a fulsome assessment of impacts and trade-offs, including consultation with businesses and residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff be directed to scope a study to improve active transportation facilities and enhance transit operations, including considerations for a potential pilot project on Bank Street (from the Canal to the Queensway), and as part of that scoping, identify a consultation program, a study cost estimate and options for funding source to undertake the study, and report back to Transportation Committee on this scoping effort by mid 2022.