

Terms of Reference: Active Transportation

Council Term:	2017-2021 Council Term
City Council Sponsor(s):	Councillor T. Cartmell Councillor B. Henderson
Supporting Department:	Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development
Administration Lead:	Leanne McCarthy / Peter Ohm
Initiative Status:	Existing

Mandate

City Council will continue to support the accommodation of active transportation modes to ensure that Edmontonians can walk, roll, and cycle throughout the City regardless of age, ability, or socioeconomic status. Planning and designing for active transportation is anticipated to enhance safety, inclusivity and diversity, support healthy and active lifestyles, contribute to transforming our urban form, and strengthen Edmonton's position as an energy sustainable city.

Desired Outcomes

- Outcome #1: Establish the policy framework and design guidelines to support and direct the planning of active transportation networks.
 - Update the Bicycle Transportation Plan to better define the new direction for cycling in Edmonton based on what was learned from the implementation of the Downtown Bike Network and bike routes on 102 Avenue and 83 Avenue.
 - Advance the Core Area Bike Network by prioritizing the development of the network in Strathcona and Garneau and by partnering with the University of Alberta.
 - Update the Roadways Design Standards to reflect complete streets design principles and practices.
 - Continue ongoing strategic planning in the northeast and southwest sections of the North Saskatchewan River valley as part of implementing Ribbon of Green to better integrate the river valley as part of the active transportation network.
 - Continue developing the monitoring program to measure the effectiveness of the active transportation network so that a data-driven approach to prioritize projects.

- Outcome #2: Enhanced active transportation network accessibility, safety, security, comfort and convenience through strategic improvement, expansion, and maintenance of the infrastructure and facilities that support active transportation.
 - Develop a bike network and supportive infrastructure that accommodates people of all ages and abilities.
 - Continue to advance the current active transportation network by addressing/improving missing or low quality network elements such as curb ramps, sidewalks, shared-use paths, lighting, and connections to the River Valley and ravines.
 - Identify an active transportation network that will be maintained to enable year-round use.

- Outcome #3: Edmontonians understand how to safely use new active transportation infrastructure.
 - Support the development of road safety awareness campaigns that educate all road users of their rights and responsibilities.
 - Seek partnership opportunities to improve driver and cyclist behaviour on bike lanes through enforcement.

Existing Related Corporate Programs

- Active Transportation Capital Composite Program
- Breathe
- Vision Zero
- Alberta Bicycle Design Guide
- The Walkability Strategy
- Ped Connections: A Strategy for Sidewalk Infrastructure in Edmonton
- River Valley Alliance Plan of Action
- Snow and Ice Control Policy
- Live Active Strategy
- Building Great Neighbourhoods
- IceWay
- Edmonton's Winter Design Policy and Winter Design Guidelines
- Major Bikeway Projects (83 Avenue, 102 Avenue and Engage 106-76)
- Imagine Jasper Avenue

Timelines

- The Work Plan will be presented to Council on June 12, 2018
- This Council Initiative will report to the Urban Planning Committee twice a year, with the exception of the final year in which the second report will be made to City Council.

Key Stakeholders

- Groups that represent families, children and children with disabilities
- Cycle commuters and recreation cycle groups
- Pedestrian advocacy groups
- Auto driver advocacy groups
- Neighbourhood communities (community leagues)
- Low income advocacy groups
- K-12 schools
- Post-secondary institutions
- Public health services
- Law enforcement
- Business owners, area business associations, and/or business improvement areas
- Economic development groups
- Tourism groups

Further details of stakeholder and public engagement will be included in the work plan that will be presented to Council on June 12, 2018

Financial Implications

Any estimated required financial and human resources for future work will be identified in the work plan that will be presented to Council on June 12, 2018.