

THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION IN CALGARY - DEFERRAL REQUEST

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To help balance the amount of meeting items at the 2017 March SPC meeting and provide an opportunity for a wholesome discussion of the report, Administration is recommending deferral of the Future of Transportation in Calgary report to the 2017 May SPC meeting.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

That the SPC on Transportation and Transit recommend that Council defer the Future of Transportation in Calgary report to no later than 2017 May SPC on Transportation and Transit.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT, DATED 2017 MARCH 15:

That the Administration Recommendation contained in Report TT2017-0178 be approved.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

At the 2016 April 25, Council approved Notice of Motion NM2016-12 – “The Future of Transportation in Calgary” which contained the following direction:

“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct Administration to undertake a study on societal trends and advancements in transportation technologies as they relate to Calgary with the potential to significantly transform our transportation network, such as;

- Autonomous vehicles
- Alternate delivery methods (e.g. drones)
- Alternate vehicle fuels and electrical charging systems
- Connected vehicles
- Alternate public transit provisions
- Alternate parking and curbside management strategies
- Open data and development of apps
- Alternate payment mechanisms

And report back to Council through the Transportation and Transit Committee with recommendations, potential pilot opportunities and next steps, no later than Q1 2017.”

BACKGROUND

There are many technology advancements on the horizon that are highly likely to have significant impacts on the future transportation system and land use pattern in Calgary. The City will have limited control over the use and uptake of these technologies. The purpose of the forthcoming report is to provide background and recommended actions The City can take to be in a proactive position to respond to these technology advancements.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Administration has largely completed the report on the future technologies and has circulated a draft report to stakeholders for comments. While the report could have been ready for the March meeting, given the number of items on the agenda and to allow for sufficient opportunity

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for committee to have a wholesome conversation about the recommendations, Administration is recommending a two-month deferral. This will also give Administration additional time to make improvements and refinements to the report.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

This will be detailed in the forthcoming report. There are no stakeholder commitments that are affected by the deferral request.

Strategic Alignment

This will be detailed in the forthcoming report.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

These will be detailed in the forthcoming report.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

None from this deferral request.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

None from this deferral request.

Risk Assessment

There is no risk from this deferral request.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Deferral of the Future of Transportation in Calgary report will help balance the March committee agenda and allow for a more wholesome discussion of the recommendations at the May committee meeting.

Attachment

None