

Regional Circulation Summary

Background

The Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP) provide the long term vision for land use and transportation in Calgary. The proposed amendments update both plans in alignment with the revised scope approved by Council in 2019 July. Key MDP changes include updating the growth and change framework, greening the city section, a new section on equity and strengthened language around creating great communities. Key CTP changes include a new goal that all vehicles in Calgary need to be zero-emissions by 2050, a new section on future technologies and adding the 5A walking and wheeling network to the plans. Both plans incorporate policies to complement The City's Climate Resilience Strategy.

Council Decision

The proposed amendments were first presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning and Urban Development on 2020 October 07. Members of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit were invited to attend. Four members of the public provided comments, in addition to several letters of support. On 2020 November 02 Calgary Council held a Public Hearing and gave first reading to Bylaw 49P2020 for the proposed amendments. Two members of the public spoke to the item.

Circulation to Region

Following the requirements of the Interim Regional Evaluation Framework (IREF), Council withheld second and third readings until the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (Region) approves the proposed amendments. On 2020 November 23 Calgary submitted all required documents to the Region for their review and approval.

After the third-party review was completed and within the 25 working days timeline, on 2020 December 18 the Region recommended approval of the MDP and CTP amendments (IREF Application #2020-11). As per the Region's IREF administrative procedure, the application was circulated to all Board Member Municipalities whom had 28 days to review and provide written response outlining whether they want to challenge or support the Region's recommendation. The circulation period ended on 2021 January 15, and the Region recommendation was supported by Board Member Municipalities. On 2021 January 18, the Region granted approval to the proposed amendments.

Steps to Complete Approval of Bylaw

Subsequent to first reading of the bylaw, some minor amendments were identified to clean up language in the final bylaws for clarity and efficient implementation. These are proposed for consideration prior to second reading, and do not substantially alter the proposed bylaw. The are contained in Attachment 4 of the report.

As Councils' directions have been fulfilled, the proposed amendments may now proceed to Council for second and third readings. The existing CTP (Council Policy TP012) was approved as a Council Policy by resolution and should be rescinded once third reading of bylaw 49P2020 has occurred.