

ENABLING PUBLIC PARKING IN EXISTING PARKING LOTS DEFERRAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the approval of the Integrated Downtown / TOD Parking Strategy and the Park and Ride strategy, Council directed Administration to investigate a process to open up existing parking lots tied to development for general public use. Administration is requesting an additional month to allow for additional engagement around the proposed approach. This request is not expected to materially delay the overall project.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION

That the SPC on Transportation and Transit recommend that Council defer the Report on Enabling Public Parking in Existing Parking Lots to no later than the 2017 January meeting of the SPC on Transportation and Transit.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT, DATED 2016 DECEMBER 08:

That Council approve the Administration Recommendation contained in Report TT2016-0834.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

On 2016 June 20, Council approved report TT2016-0204 on the Integrated Downtown-TOD Parking Strategy. This included the approval of recommendation 2, Direct Administration to undertake the implementation actions in Attachment 4. Attachment 4 contained the following recommendation on page 3:

Action	Description or Issue	Proposed Path to Resolution	Completion Date
Shared parking	The ability to better use the private parking supply and look for parking synergies was identified not only downtown, but in TOD areas and main street areas to improve the flexibility of the parking supply. This would look at reviewing the broader rules in the Land Use Bylaw to see if it is possible to make parking for new and existing developments more accessible to the general public.	Revise land use bylaw and policies to reflect outcomes of review to be brought to SPC on T+T and CPC	Q4 2016

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Also at the 2016 June 20 Regular Meeting of Council, Council approved recommendation 2 in report TT2016-0319 (A Review of Calgary Transit Park and Ride), which stated:

2. Enable shared use parking in the vicinity of CTrain stations and major bus use terminals through Land Use and Policy provisions.

This initiative is intended to address both recommendations.

BACKGROUND

This initiative arose both out of the work undertaken for the Downtown / TOD Parking Strategy and the Calgary Transit Park and Ride strategy. There are a number of areas where better use of existing area parking has the potential to address parking demand issues without requiring significant capital investments in City-owned parking facilities. This could make areas more resilient as they transition from their current state to TOD and Main Street areas as envisioned in the Municipal Development Plan (MDP). The goal is to have this parking organically supplement area parking on a site-by-site basis as areas grow and change.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

After approval of the Downtown / TOD Parking Strategy report, Administration has been engaging internally with several stakeholders on potential paths to enabling public parking on underutilized lots. These discussions are ongoing and will benefit from the additional month. This will also allow time to engage industry stakeholders such as building owners and parking operators to make sure the proposed approach is feasible and reasonable. The additional month is not expected to materially impact the overall project timeframe.

Administration has adopted a two-step approach to addressing this initiative. The January report will outline the proposed process to open up existing lots for public parking, and will include a policy amendment to the Parking Policy Framework. Following this report, Administration will prepare necessary bylaw amendments to implement the policy. This will require bringing the amendment to the Calgary Planning Commission, followed by a public hearing of Council. It is anticipated that this will occur in June/July of 2017.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

Stakeholders have been made aware of the adjusted timeline due to this deferral.

Strategic Alignment

This initiative facilitates several objectives of the Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP), particularly parking policy 3.9.G which states that “Shared parking should be used to optimize exiting facilities and park and ride lots.”

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

An assessment of these benefits will be provided in the January report.

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Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

There are no budget implications from this deferral request.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

There are no budget implications from this deferral request.

Risk Assessment

There are no risks associated with this deferral request.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Deferral of this report will give Administration additional time to engage stakeholders which will improve the overall recommendations.