

Green Line: Council Direction Summary

At the Combined Meeting of Council on 2015 November 09, Report PUD2015-0765 (Green Line Southeast Transit Oriented Development Plan) was approved as follows:

1. Direct Administration to investigate Transit Oriented Development (TOD) policy amendments as outlined in the Potential TOD Policy Implementation document (Attachment 2) and to undertake implementation by the end of December 2016.
2. Direct Administration to further investigate collaboration opportunities with the Office of Land Servicing and Housing (OLSH) and private sector landowners towards TOD to align with opening day of Green Line.
3. Direct Administration to conduct a scoping report, and report to Council through the SPC on Transportation and Transit no later than 2015 December 11, on amending the TOD Policy Implementation Document contained in Report PUD2015-0765 (Attachment 2), by the addition of a Section 1 "Policy Tasks", Subsection F, as follows:

"F That the economic development and diversification potential of the green line Transit Oriented Development (TOD) be investigated. And further, that this analysis includes an assessment of opportunities to attract high potential business sectors as identified by the Calgary Economic Development strategy of November 2014 and be continental in scope."

At the Combined Meeting of Council on 2015 November 09, Report TT2015-0678 (Green Line Southeast Alignment and Stations) was approved as follows:

1. Approve the recommended alignment and station locations for the southeast leg of the Green Line as per Attachment 1.
2. Direct Administration to proceed with land acquisition on the approved alignment and station locations.
3. Direct Administration to report back on progress as part of the full Green Line project no later than April 2016 including updated funding, contracting strategy, and preliminary schedule.

At the 2015 December 14 Regular Meeting of Council, Report TT2015-0905 (Green Line North Update) was approved as follows:

"ADOPT, Moved by Councillor Woolley, Seconded by Councillor Keating, that the SPC on Transportation and Transit Recommendations contained in Report TT2015-0905 be adopted, as follows:

That Council:

1. Adopts the evaluation framework in Attachment 1, to assist in the analysis of the recommended alignment for the Green Line through Calgary's downtown, and adjacent communities;
2. Report back to the SPC on Transportation and Transit with the next update no later than 2016 July; and

3. Direct Administration to develop at grade vertical alignments through the Beltline communities, either into existing options presented or create new options, and report back no later than 2016 July.”

ADOPT, AS AMENDED, Moved by Councillor Keating, Seconded by Councillor Woolley, that the SPC on Transportation and Transit Recommendations, except Recommendations 2 b) and 11, contained in Report TT2015-0811 be adopted, as amended, as follows:

That Council direct Administration to:

1. Proceed with the Green Line project based on an initial phase that will include LRT;
2. Based on the current anticipated funding of \$4.59 billion and a long term financing approach, plan on a phased approach which includes:
 - a. Downtown as an initial phase; and
3. Complete the north section functional planning study including the same elements as the Green Line Southeast alignment and stations report, November 2015.
4. Complete the central section (including the Downtown) functional planning study;
5. Prepare the required business case for submission to the Government of Canada Public Transit Fund for the Green Line LRT as per Attachment 1;
6. Prepare a business case for the Government of Alberta on a collaborative and flexible approach to matching funds;
7. Begin work with Calgary Economic Development on global promotion of economic diversification opportunities associated with the Green Line per the scope of work in Attachment 1;
8. Prepare a recommendation for a procurement model;
9. Amalgamate all Green Line project activity within a single team structured in anticipation of funding approval for construction;
10. Prepare a recommendation for a more streamlined reporting and decision making process for Council to hear all Green Line related reports and potentially other major projects to Council at their 2016 January 18 Strategic Meeting; and
12. That Council reconsider Recommendation 2 contained in the Land and Asset Strategy Committee, Proposed Acquisition – (Auburn Bay) – Ward 12 (Cllr. Shane Keating) File No: 18150 56 St SE (JS), LAS2015-29 and further, that Recommendation 2, be amended, to report back no later than December 2016 as part of the Green Line Transit Oriented Development (TOD) policy report.

ADOPT, Moved by Councillor Keating, Seconded by Councillor Woolley, that SPC on Transportation and Transit Recommendation 2 b) contained in Report TT2015-0811 be adopted, as follows:

That Council direct Administration to:

2. Based on the current anticipated funding of \$4.59 billion and a long term financing approach, plan on a phased approach which includes:
 - b. Incorporation of a light rail vehicle storage and maintenance facility which is located in proximity to Shepard station.”

At the 2015 December 14 Regular Meeting of Council, NM2015-33 (Councillors Keating, Carra, Woolley, Farrell, Chu, Stevenson, Demong, Colley-Urquhart, Pincott and Mayor Nenshi) was approved as follows:

“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council's current Green Line funding commitment of \$52 million annually for a ten year period be extended to a period of thirty years to create a total funding commitment of \$1.56 billion;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the commitment of City of Calgary funding take effect once the Government of Alberta confirms their support for the Green Line LRT.”

At the Regular meeting of Council on 2016 February 22, C2016-0115 (Green Line LRT – Environmental Benefits) was approved as follows:

“ADOPT, Moved by Councillor Keating, Seconded by Councillor Farrell, that the Administration Recommendations contained in Report C2016-0115 be adopted, as follows:

That Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Utilize these environmental benefits to support The City's request for Provincial funding support of Green Line.”