

CORRIDOR PROGRAM PROPOSAL UPDATE & DEFERRAL REQUEST

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a progress update on the Corridor Program and requests a deferral of the full report to the 2014 May 07 meeting of the SPC on Planning and Urban Development. This deferral would enable the nextCITY Committee to provide input to this program as directed by Council.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the SPC on Planning and Urban Development recommends that Council approve Administration's request to defer the Corridor Program Proposal Update report to the 2014 May 07 meeting of the SPC on Planning and Urban Development.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DATED 2014 MARCH 18:

That the Administration Recommendation contained in Report PUD2014-0158 be approved.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

At the 2013 December 16 meeting Council directed that Report PUD2013-0716 be referred as follows:

1. Refer Report PUD2013-0716 to the Transforming Planning Advisory Committee for clarification and determination of how this proposed scoping project fits within the NextCITY agenda, strategy, proposed structure, and associated workplan; and
2. Direct Administration to report back to Council through the SPC on Planning and Urban Development in conjunction with the regularly scheduled NextCITY update no later than 2014 March meeting.

BACKGROUND

In 2013 December, Administration outlined a comprehensive program to manage the long-term redevelopment of urban and neighbourhood corridors as outlined in the Municipal Development Plan. The program was referred to the Transforming Planning Advisory Committee (now known as the nextCITY Committee) for input. The Committee will meet for the first time in 2014 March.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Administration has prepared a detailed draft Project Charter and Engagement Plan for review by the nextCITY Committee and the SPC on Planning and Urban Development. The Charter includes the following components:

1. Project Overview – Stakeholder list, key results areas, and major deliverables identified with a proposed timeline.
2. Project Plan – Project timeline with major milestones.
3. Project Risk Register – Identification of risks with mitigating strategies.

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4. Project Opportunity Log – Details opportunities identified by internal stakeholders and pre-engagement interviews with external stakeholders and affected Councillors; strategies to take advantage of these opportunities.
5. Project Issue Log – A record of issues identified by internals and pre-engagement interviews; strategies to address these issues.

The first meeting of the nextCITY Committee following Council's direction will be held on 2014 March 14. In order to incorporate input from this Committee into Administration's report, a deferral to the 2014 May 07 SPC on Planning and Urban Development meeting is requested.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

None regarding this request to defer.

Strategic Alignment

None regarding this request to defer.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

None regarding this request to defer.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

None regarding this request to defer.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

None regarding this request to defer.

Risk Assessment

None regarding this request to defer.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Administration requires time to incorporate the input from the first nextCity Committee meeting on 2014 March 14. For this reason Administration requests to defer this report the 2014 May 07 Meeting of the SPC on Planning and Urban Development.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None