

## ROUNABOUT ENHANCEMENTS

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Administration has finished preliminary engagements with Urban Development Institute - Calgary, and relevant City departments regarding feasibility, aesthetics and costs for enhancing the landscaping and amenities of a roundabout. A draft document is being prepared and further engagements will occur in Q1 2014. Administration will report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit after engagements have concluded and recommendations are developed.

### ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the SPC on Transportation and Transit recommend that Council direct Administration to report back to the SPC on Transportation and Transit with recommendations on enhanced landscaping and amenities no later than 2014 July.

### RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT, DATED 2014 JANUARY 22:

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That the Administration Recommendation contained in Report TT2014-0084 be approved.

### PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

At the 2013 February 11 combined meeting of Council, NM2013-02 was approved which directed Administration to “engage with citizens and industry as well as relevant City departments to investigate the feasibility, costs and aesthetics options for a City-wide roundabout enhancement program (that encourages roundabout enhancements by all relevant parties) with consideration to the Roundabout Policy, Roundabout Guidelines, Complete Streets Guide, Optional Amenities Agreements, Public Art Policy as well as any other policy or guideline that may be seen as pertinent.” Council also directed administration to bring forward “a report including recommendations on implementation opportunities and options as well as funding options and report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit no later than 2013 June.”

On 2013 July 22 combined meeting of Council, TT2013-0421 was approved which directed administration to “continue to engage Urban Development Institute - Calgary, citizens via community groups, and relevant City departments in regards to roundabout features” and “report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit once recommendations are developed or provide an update no later than 2014 January on progress to date”

On 2013 November 18 combined meeting of Council, TT2013-0665 was approved which directed administration to “continue to engage Urban Development Institute - Calgary, citizens via community groups, and relevant City departments in regards to roundabout features” and “report back to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and Transit once recommendations are developed or provide an update no later than 2014 January on progress to date”

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### **BACKGROUND**

On 2011 April 15, Council approved the Roundabout Policy. Shortly thereafter, Administration released a list of guidelines which discusses functionality and utility of roundabouts. Within the guidelines, landscaping was discussed from a technical point of view with sightlines and realistic landscaping that can be maintained being mentioned. However, there was no mention of what can be placed within roundabouts.

### **INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS**

Preliminary engagements with Urban Development Institute - Calgary, and relevant City departments have concluded. A draft document is being prepared that will be circulated to various stakeholders for input in 2014 January. Once initial comments are received and incorporated into the document, follow-up information sessions will be held to finalize the documents and subsequent Council recommendations.

### **Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication**

Administration has begun engagements with Alderman Demong, with Urban Development Institute - Calgary, and relevant City departments regarding feasibility, aesthetics and costs for enhancing the landscaping and amenities of a roundabout. Once recommended options are developed, further engagement will occur.

### **Strategic Alignment**

Determining the feasibility, aesthetics and costs for enhancing the landscaping and amenities of a roundabout aligns with Council Policy TP016 – Roundabout Policy, the Calgary Transportation Plan, and the 2020 Sustainability Direction objectives.

### **Social, Environmental, Economic (External)**

Determining what can and cannot be placed within roundabouts will ensure quality and cost effective infrastructure. By engaging several different stakeholders, a full range of factors and different thinking will be involved in the decision making process. Once recommendations are determined, they will better assist integration of roundabouts into communities.

### **Financial Capacity**

#### **Current and Future Operating Budget:**

Current and future operating budgets are not impacted by this report but will be discussed in the final document.

#### **Current and Future Capital Budget:**

Current and future capital budgets are not impacted by this report.

### **Risk Assessment**

There are no risks associated with this report.

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**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Feasibility, aesthetics and costs for enhancing the landscaping and amenities of a roundabout affects many stakeholders. Engaging all stakeholders to develop recommendations will ensure stakeholder buy-in and future successes.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None