

## **Transportation Corridor Study Policy Update – Deferral**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Administration requests to defer the update to the Transportation Corridor Study Policy (the Policy) to Q3 of 2018. The additional time is needed to complete, and evaluate the experiences of Corridor Studies started after approval of the Policy.

#### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:**

That the SPC on Transportation and Transit recommend that Council defer the update report on the implementation of the Transportation Corridor Study Policy and report back to the SPC on Transportation and Transit no later than Q3 2018.

#### **RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT, DATED 2017 DECEMBER 08:**

That the Administration Recommendation contained in Report TT2017-1217 be approved.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY**

On 2014 July 28, Council approved the Transportation Corridor Study Policy (TT2014-0400). Approval of the Policy included the following recommendation:

4. Direct Administration to report to the SPC on Transportation and Transit no later than the end of Q2 2016 on the implementation of the Policy based on the experience with the Crowchild Trail Corridor Study and other Transportation corridor studies initiated after approval of the Policy.

On 2016 July 15, Council approved the deferral of the update report on the implementation of the Transportation Corridor Study Policy and report back to the SPC on Transportation and Transit no later than Q4 2017.

### **BACKGROUND**

The purpose of the Policy is to guide Administration, Council and the Public about how Transportation Corridor Studies will be undertaken by The City. Approval of the Policy resulted in a change in how Transportation Corridor Studies are undertaken by The City to follow an iterative process with community input to come up with a solution.

The Policy states that Stakeholders will have an opportunity to participate in an interactive, two-way engagement process to influence decision-making throughout the transportation corridor study process. Based on recent experience, the implementation of the Policy is resulting in more complete stakeholder engagement with improved satisfaction.

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

One of the key goals and objectives on the Policy is for studies to include a high-quality engagement plan and produce engagement driven final products. When the Policy was approved, Administration anticipated that to meet these key goals and objectives, additional time and budget may be required.

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After Council approved the Policy in July 2014, Administration re-scoped and started several corridor studies onward through 2017.

A couple of the corridor studies that were re-scoped and started after the approval of the Policy were the Crowchild Trail Corridor Study and the Glenmore Trail SE Corridor Study. The Crowchild Trail Corridor Study was completed in Q2 2017 and the Glenmore Trail SE Corridor Study is still active, with an anticipated completion date of Q2 2018. This project was re-scoped and expanded at the request of stakeholders.

The second group of key studies that were started after the approval of the Policy were the Shaganappi Trail South Corridor Study, Deerfoot Trail Corridor Study, Airport Trail/LRT Study and the Sarcee Trail/Richmond Road Functional Planning Study. The Shaganappi Trail and Deerfoot Trail Corridor Studies are currently active and are planned for completion in Q2 and Q4 2018, respectively. Both projects have had public engagement through 2017 and currently planned into 2018. The Airport Trail/LRT Study was completed in Q1 2017 and Sarcee Trail/Richmond Road Functional Planning Study is planned to be completed Q1 2018.

These studies all have a different setting with a variety of timeframes and complexity. The studies are on a wide range of road types that are geographically dispersed in all quadrants of the City and have different land uses in varying stages of development adjacent to the roads. This mix of studies will enable Administration to evaluate the Policy for different roadway and land use typologies in various areas of the City. Administration would therefore be in a better position to provide an update on the Policy as well as an assessment of the Policy after the completion of more of these studies.

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

The report on the implementation of the policy will include information on engagement that was undertaken for the Transportation Corridor Studies that were initiated after approval of the Policy. Due to the municipal election, the engagement schedule on some projects had been revised with some public engagement moving into 2018.

This deferral also allows for additional time for communication to the citizen working group that helped develop the Policy and input from Calgarians.

### **Strategic Alignment**

The Transportation Corridor Study Policy supports the seven transportation goals identified in the Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP). It also supports the Council priority of a City that moves.

The Policy also supports Council's priority of A Well Run City and the strategic action of Regularly Collaborating and Engaging citizens to encourage participation in City decision-making, and better communicate the reasons for the decisions.

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

There are no current or future Social, Environmental or Economic impacts associated with this report.

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### Financial Capacity

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

There are no current or future operating budget impacts associated with this report.

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

There are no current or future capital budget impacts associated with this report.

### Risk Assessment

There are no significant known risks with the deferral of the report.

### **REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):**

Transportation Corridor Studies have a significant impact on the long-term growth and development of The City and are a required component of the City's Transportation plans. The Policy helps ensure that studies are conducted in a consistent, open, and transparent manner, and that citizens are engaged appropriately throughout a collaborative and iterative process.

Several studies are still ongoing and learnings have yet to be fully determined. Deferral of the report allows Administration to provide a more comprehensive update and assessment on the Policy.

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

None