

Transportation Report to
SPC on Transportation and Transit
2018 December 06

ISC: UNRESTRICTED
TT2018-1405

Green Line: Staging and Right-of-way and RouteAhead Update – Deferral Request

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Request to defer the reporting date on the 'Green Line staging update', 'interim use of Green Line rights-of-way for community purposes' and 'RouteAhead Update to prioritize major transit growth projects', and to streamline and coordinate reporting.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

That the SPC on Transportation and Transit recommends that Council approve Administration's request to defer the reports on:

1. 'Green Line staging update' and 'interim use of Green Line rights-of-way for community purposes' to no later than 2019 Q1.
2. 'RouteAhead Update to prioritize major transit growth projects' to no later than 2019 Q3.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT, HELD 2018 DECEMBER 06:

That the Administration Recommendations contained in Report TT2018-1405 be adopted.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION/POLICY

At the 2018 March 19 Combined Meeting of Council, recommendations of TT2018-0145: *Green Line Program update – Future Stages Planning and Design*, were adopted as amended:

1. Direct Administration to report to Council through the SPC on Transportation and Transit in Q4 2018 with a staging recommendation and update on layers 1 (LRT infrastructure design), 2 (station connections), 3 (planning and development), and 4 (City Shaping) for the long-term Green Line vision;
2. Continue land acquisition outside of the Stage 1 project guided by a risk-based process until land requirements are updated with completion of the preliminary design for the North leg; and
3. Direct Administration to explore the ways and means that the existing right of ways (ROWs), north of 16th Avenue N and south of 126 Avenue S, can be activated for community purposes that may include, but are not limited to BRT, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, that can then convert to LRT infrastructure. Report back to Council through the SPC on T&T by Q4 2018.

At the 2018 May 28 Regular Meeting of Council, Notice of Motion C2018-0689: *Interim Alternative Use of Blue Line NE LRT Right-of-Way*, was adopted by Council directing Administration to:

- a. Explore potential interim alternative uses for the reserved LRT ROWs for the Blue Line NE, north of Saddletowne Station, that may include, but are not limited to, transit improvements, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and parks that can be converted to LRT infrastructure.
- b. Provide an assessment of feasibility, capital costs required, return on investment and timelines for the potential interim uses.
- c. Report back to Council through the SPC on Transportation & Transit by Q1 2019.

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At the 2018 June 25 Regular Meeting of Council, recommendations of TT2018-0617: *RouteAhead Update*, were adopted by Council, directing Administration to (in part):

2. Direct Administration to use the attached prioritization framework for major transit growth projects, and provide an update to Council through the SPC on Transportation and Transit by Q1 2019.

BACKGROUND

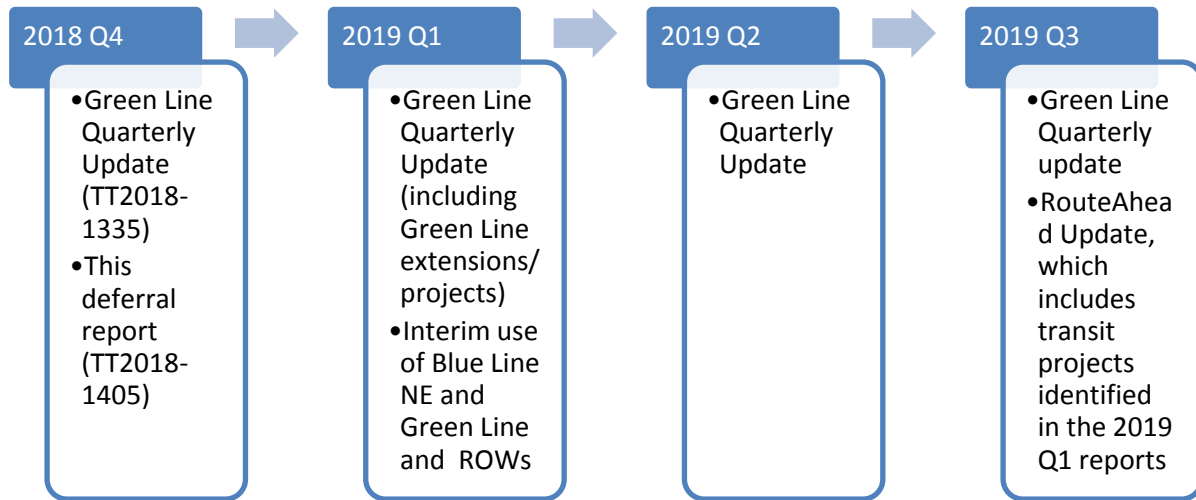
Administration has been tasked with reporting to Council on several related items, including Green Line staging, interim use of Green Line LRT rights-of-way, interim use of Blue Line Northeast LRT rights-of-way, and the RouteAhead update. To undertake the work required and provide a coordinated response a deferral is requested for the Green Line staging, and interim use of Green Line LRT rights-of-way reporting to 2019 Q1 as well as deferral of the RouteAhead Update to prioritize major transit growth projects to no later than 2019 Q3.

Administration is exploring options for future extensions beyond the initial stage 1 LRT project. Extensions to the north and southeast Green Line will be presented as potential projects (for example, two- or three-station extensions) that could be implemented to build-out the Green Line incrementally. This evaluation will be shared with the SPC on T+T in 2019 Q1 as part of the Green Line quarterly update. The potential projects will then be evaluated and ranked with all of Calgary Transit's major growth projects as part of the RouteAhead Update 2019 Q3.

Related to this work, Council directed Administration to investigate opportunities for activating city-owned lands that are reserved as future LRT rights-of-way on the Blue Line Northeast and Green Line outside the stage 1 project. Livable Streets, with their experience in working on community-scale projects and activating places, is leading this work, with input from Green Line and Calgary Transit. Due to the nature of this work, Administration will be reporting back to SPC on T+T with a framework for the use of Blue Line and Green Line rights-of-way in 2019 Q1, in a separate, but coordinated, report from the Green Line quarterly update. Projects identified in this scope of work that are public transit infrastructure will also be evaluated and ranked with all of Calgary Transit's major growth projects as part of the RouteAhead Update in 2019 Q3.

Timeline showing upcoming reports related to this deferral:

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INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

None regarding this request to defer.

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.

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REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

To align the investigation and reporting of a variety of related requests from Council, Administration requests this deferral.

ATTACHMENT

None