

Transportation 2022/2023 Business Plan and Budget

ISSUE

City Council approval is required in order to set the Operating and Capital Business Plan and Budget for 2022 and 2023. The figures in this report are stated as 2022 and 2023 respectively, unless otherwise noted.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Transportation Business Line Operating Budget for 2022 totalling \$152,930,600 in expenditures and \$18,610,400 in revenues be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
2. That the Transportation Business Line Operating Plan for 2023 totalling \$156,226,000 in expenditures and \$20,826,800 in revenues be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
3. That the 2022 Capital Budget totalling \$63,221,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda;
4. That the 2023 Capital Plan totalling \$94,647,000 be approved, subject to adjustments under the Business Plan Options section of the agenda; and
5. That the revisions to the Service Level for Snow and Ice Management to include winter maintenance on protected bike lanes and raised cycle tracks without additional funding be approved.

BACKGROUND

The 2022-2023 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget (Preliminary Budget) was released on November 24, 2021.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Transportation Business Line Operating Budget

The Preliminary Budget includes a total of \$152,930,600 and \$156,226,000 in expenditures for the Transportation Business Line. Increases of \$5,470,400 (3.7%) and \$3,295,400 (2.2%) are projected, mainly due to the following:

- An additional \$1,389,400 and \$1,408,100 in the Road Maintenance program due to expected inflationary increases, as well as growth in the City's network in order to maintain the current 1 in 20-year treatment cycle for all roadways;
- Transit Operations is projecting an increase in expenditures of \$2,031,400 and \$868,000 due to higher fuel prices, maintenance and inflationary increases for staff compensation based on collective agreements, as well as various growth-related increases; and
- Other increases in the Transportation Business Line relate to a growing network of street lighting and increased electrical costs.

This business line also includes an increase in non-tax revenues of:

- \$457,800 and \$1,251,200 for partial recovery of Transit ridership levels from COVID-19 levels;
- \$452,000 and \$948,300 for parking related revenue to restore the parking revenues to pre-pandemic levels by 2023; and
- \$105,600 for Impound Lot fees to restore the revenue budget to pre-pandemic levels by 2022.

The projected property tax support provided to this business line is \$134,320,200 and \$135,399,200, which is an increase of \$3,599,600 (2.8%) and \$1,079,000 (0.8%). The increase in property tax support is due to net impact of the increases in expenditures and revenues as previously outlined in this report.

Transportation Business Line Capital Budget

The Transportation Business Line includes \$63,221,000 and \$94,647,000 in funded capital projects, most notably:

- \$34,223,000 and \$35,250,000 dedicated to Road Maintenance;
- \$12,840,000 and \$5,185,000 for Transportation Service-related projects, which includes:
 - \$7,750,000 for the extension of 17th Street from Avenue P to 11th Street;
 - \$2,150,000 to implement the Active Transportation Plan;
 - \$2,900,000 for traffic control systems maintenance and improvements; and
 - \$2,230,000 for transportation safety initiatives;
- \$59,585,000 for Transit Operations, most notably funds for the implementation of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System; and
- \$9,590,000 for bridge and overpass maintenance and rehabilitation.

Service Level Revision

Revisions to the Service Level for Snow and Ice Management are recommended as detailed in Appendix 1. These revisions can be provided within the Snow and Ice Management Service Line Budget with no additional funding request.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are included in this report.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no privacy, legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval of the Preliminary Budget, the Administration will finalize the Approved Business Plan and Budget to be released in 2022.

APPENDICES

1. Snow and Ice Service Levels

REPORT APPROVAL

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