

Central Industrial Area Traffic Review Follow-Up

ISSUE

Through the Neighbourhood Traffic Review (NTR) process, a Traffic Plan for the Central Industrial Area was developed in consultation with the businesses and road users in response to concerns such as parking and pedestrian safety. This report provides additional information on the pedestrian crossing devices within the 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue corridor between Queen Street and 33rd Street following additional consultation with the City Park Community Association.

BACKGROUND

At its Regular Business Meeting held on April 26, 2010, City Council adopted the City Park Local Area Plan.

At its Regular Business Meeting held on April 27, 2015, City Council adopted the City Park Traffic Management Plan.

At its Regular Business Meeting held on July 26, 2021, City Council considered the Central Industrial Area Traffic Review report and resolved:

“That the report be deferred to the September Regular Business meeting of City Council pending further engagement with the City Park Community Association.”

The Central Industrial Area Traffic Review report is included as Appendix 1.

The Central Industrial Area Traffic Review report was shared with the City Park Community Association via email correspondence on August 9, 2021.

At its Regular Business Meeting held on September 27, 2021, City Council considered the updated Central Industrial Area Traffic Review report and resolved:

“That the Administration do public consultation, including a member of the Transportation Department and the Executive of the City Park Community Association, to discuss the draft report and crossing at Princess Street and 2nd Avenue with a report back.”

At its Regular Business Meeting held on December 6, 2021, the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation considered a letter from Colleen Steele and Adrianus Molendijk, City Park Community Association dated November 26, 2021 and resolved that the information be received and joined to the Central Industrial Area Traffic Review file. The letter is attached as Appendix 2.

CURRENT STATUS

The Administration met with the Executive of the City Park Community Association on November 18, 2021 to discuss the Central Industrial Area Traffic Review recommendations for the pedestrian crossings along 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

During the 2020 Central Industrial Neighbourhood Traffic Review, residents expressed concerns with pedestrian safety while crossing 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue at several locations including King Street, Princess Street, Duke Street, and Duchess Street.

A review of 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue between Queen Street and 33rd Street was completed to assess the appropriateness of the existing pedestrian crossings according to the updated Council Policy C07-018, Traffic Control at Pedestrian Crossings, which aligns with the most recent version of the Transportation Association of Canada's Pedestrian Crossing Control Guide.

City Park Local Area Plan (2010) recommended that the Transportation Department present the proposed design for the 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue road widening to the City Park Community Association and City Park Local Area Planning Committee. Engagement for the 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue road widening project is planned for 2023.

In response to the concerns raised by the residents of City Park, and in accordance with the City Park Local Area Plan recommendation, the pedestrian crossings of 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue will be included in the stakeholder and public engagement for the 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue widening project. Through that engagement, the most appropriate locations for pedestrian crossings and the device type at each crossing will be confirmed.

Appendix 3 illustrates the following:

- 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue Corridor pedestrian crossing devices;
- distances between intersections;
- pedestrian generators in the Central Industrial and City Park neighbourhoods;
- existing and proposed all ages and abilities cycling facilities; and
- study limits for the 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue widening project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Stakeholder engagement and detailed design for the 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue widening project was approved for \$200,000 in the 2022-2023 multi-year budget for 2023 under Capital Project P.02288 – Transportation Safety – Geometric Modifications. Funding requests for the construction of the widening project will be made through a future multi-year budgeting process.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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

NEXT STEPS

Administration will proceed with the implementation of the recommendations of the Central Industrial Area Traffic Review Report, as funding allows, with the exception of the recommendations on 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue. The pedestrian crossing recommendations for 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue outlined in the Central Industrial Area

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Traffic Review will not be implemented, and instead designs will be finalized through the engagement and detailed design process for the widening project.

APPENDICES

1. Central Industrial Area Traffic Review
2. Letter from City Park Community Association
3. 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue Corridor Figure

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