
Saskatoon Transportation Master Plan – Updated Prioritization Criteria

ISSUE

The Saskatoon Transportation Master Plan includes prioritization criteria that were derived from the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan. This report presents updated prioritization criteria that align with the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council the criteria for prioritizing transportation projects, as provided within this report, be approved.

BACKGROUND

City Council, at its Regular Business meeting held on March 23, 2020, approved the current criteria derived from the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan. These prioritization criteria were developed to assist with the prioritization of the Transportation Infrastructure Project List (List) in the Saskatoon Transportation Master Plan (STMP).

The table below shows the current seven prioritization criteria and how they align with the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan.

	Strategic Goals	Prioritization Criteria
Moving Around	The transportation network includes an accessible and efficient transit system and a comprehensive network of active transportation to provide more choice to move around the city.	1. Improves equity. 2. Improves accessibility.
	Traffic flow throughout the city is safe and optimal.	3. Improves safety. 4. Optimizes traffic flow. 5. Addresses network gaps.
	Parking availability is optimized.	6. Optimizes parking.
Sustainable Growth	Our Plan for Growth is sustainable, through a balanced approach to land use, transportation choices, and efficient servicing.	7. Facilitates infill development.

Other considerations that were used to finalize the List of projects included:

- Prior commitments;
- Coordinating work with other projects and priorities; and
- Balancing the required work with available resources.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The 2018-2021 Strategic Plan has been superseded by the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan approved by City Council on January 31, 2022.

The table below shows the proposed five prioritization criteria and how they align with the 2022-2025 Strategic Plan.

Priorities	Outcomes	Prioritization Criteria
Downtown Development	Downtown offers safe, active, and reliable transportation options.	1. Improves downtown transportation network.
Transportation	An improved transportation and active transportation network that is comprehensive, equitable, and integrated to promote all modes of travel in a safe and efficient manner.	2. Addresses network gaps. 3. Number of modes integrated. 4. Improves safety.
Equitable and Accessible Service	Enhanced equity and accessibility of service meeting the needs of a diverse public.	5. Actively seeks to remove equity and accessibility barriers.

The next steps are to re-prioritize the List using the updated prioritization criteria and finalize in a similar fashion as before.

An updated non-prioritized list of projects, including current status and a Level 1 cost estimate is provided in Appendix 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications are provided in Appendix 1.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The current STMP was based on the 2018-2021 Strategic Plan. An update of the STMP is planned for 2023.

NEXT STEPS

If City Council approves the proposed five prioritization criteria, the Administration will re-prioritize the List. The updated prioritized List will be presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation and City Council in a future report.

APPENDICES

1. Updated Non-prioritized List of Projects

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