

### Funding for Active Transportation Fund

#### ISSUE

Administration is requesting City Council approval to enter into a Contribution Agreement with the Federal Government to obtain Active Transportation (ATF) funding for eligible City of Saskatoon (City) projects. A budget adjustment is required to add ATF funding to Capital Project P.02468 Active Transportation Plan Implementation for the four planning projects and one capital construction project.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

1. That Capital Project P.02468 Active Transportation Plan Implementation be increased by \$1,810,000 funded from Infrastructure Canada - Active Transportation Fund; and
2. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreements from the Active Transportation Fund under the Corporate Seal.

#### BACKGROUND

On January 27, 2022 the Government of Canada launched a call for applications for new projects that will support a modal shift away from cars and towards active transportation, in support of Canada's National Active Transportation Strategy. The Active Transportation Fund will invest in projects which build new and expanded networks of pathways, bike lanes, trails, and pedestrian bridges, in addition to supporting active transportation planning and stakeholder engagement activities.

There are two streams of projects eligible for funding: 1) capital projects and 2) planning projects. Planning and design projects refer to the development or enhancement of formal active transportation strategic planning documents or stakeholder engagement. Capital projects refer to new infrastructure construction, enhancement of existing infrastructure, and/or fixed design and safety features that encourage increased active transportation.

At its Regular Business Meeting on March 28, 2022, City Council received the [Infrastructure Canada – Active Transportation Fund](#) report and resolved that Administration be directed to submit the following projects to the Active Transportation Fund:

- College Drive Multi-Use Pathway,
- Active Transportation Street Team,
- Victoria Avenue Bikeway – Taylor Street to Ruth Street,
- Millar Avenue Multi-use Path, and
- Dudley Street Bikeway, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Improvement.

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The first four projects listed were applied for under the planning stream with the Dudley Street Bikeway, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Improvement project being submitted under the capital stream.

In addition, City Council also resolved existing funding within Capital Project P.02468 Active Transportation Implementation Plan be reprioritized to fund the City portion of costs.

### DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

All four of the planning projects submitted received the maximum funding amount of \$50,000 as they all had eligible costs of \$50,000 or more.

The Dudley Street Walking and Cycling Improvements capital project submitted received funding of \$1,610,000 which is 60% of the total eligible costs.

Capital Project P.02468 Active Transportation Plan Implementation requires an increase of \$1,810,000 funded from Infrastructure Canada - Active Transportation Fund and a reprioritization of \$1,148,400 of existing funding within P.02468 to execute the projects which was previously reported to City Council. The Active Transportation Fund is a five-year program starting in 2021-2022. All projects must be completed by March 31, 2026.

<b>Project Name (Planning)</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Program Funding</b>	<b>City Funding</b>	<b>Estimated Completion</b>
College Drive Multi-Use Pathway	Feasibility analysis to determine the active transportation crossings at the interchanges and rail crossings along College Drive between Preston Avenue and McOrmond Drive.	\$ 50,000	\$0	12/31/2023
Active Transportation (AT) Street Team	The AT Street Team is a pop-up education program that will provide in-person, on-site education on the rules of the road and the existing bike network.	\$ 50,000	\$0	12/31/2024
Victoria Avenue Bikeway, Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Improvement	Assessment, engagement, and design of pedestrian improvements and an AAA cycling facility for Victoria Avenue from Taylor Street to Ruth Street.	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	12/31/2023
Millar Avenue Multi-Use Pathway	Assessment, engagement, and design of a multi-use pathway for Millar Avenue from 43 <sup>rd</sup> Street East to Marquis Drive.	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	12/31/2023
Dudley Street Walking and Cycling Improvements	This project involves the construction of pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure on Dudley Street between Dawes Avenue and Spadina Crescent	\$1,610,000	\$1,073,400	12/31/2024
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,810,000</b>	<b>\$1,148,400</b>	

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

As the Active Transportation Fund can provide 100% of eligible costs up to a limit of \$50,000 for each planning project, cumulatively all four planning projects would require an additional \$75,000 in funding which is available in Capital Project P.02468 - Active Transportation Implementation Plan.

As the Active Transportation Fund can provide 60% of eligible costs up to a limit of \$5,000,000 for each capital project, the Dudley Street Walking and Cycling Improvements capital project would require an additional \$1,073,400 in funding which is available in Capital Project P.02468 - Active Transportation Implementation Plan.

**OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

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

**NEXT STEPS**

Upon budget adjustment, Administration will proceed to undertake the feasibility studies and procurement of the Dudley Street Walking and Cycle Improvement project for completion by December 31, 2024.

**REPORT APPROVAL**

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