

## REPORT BACKGROUND

At its Regular Business Meeting held on June 27, 2016, City Council approved the [Active Transportation Plan](#) (AT Plan) and resolved in part:

1. That City Council recognize and approve, in principle, the long-term benefits of the vision, goals, targets, and key directions of the Active Transportation Plan;
2. That the Active Transportation Plan be implemented in a phased, incremental approach, requiring specific implementation plans in five-year increments;

The AT Plan identified Victoria Avenue as a future All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycling route.

At its Regular Business Meeting on April 24, 2017, City Council received the Victoria Avenue Corridor Transportation Improvements [report](#) and resolved in part:

- “1. That the proposed plan for Victoria Avenue between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Street be approved;”

The plan included a re-designation of space to include an AAA cycling facility, being a raised cycle track, on Victoria Avenue between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

At its Regular Business Meeting on June 26, 2017, City Council received the Victoria Avenue Corridor between 11<sup>th</sup> Street and the Traffic Bridge [report](#) as information. The report provided an update on transportation improvements to Victoria Avenue, between 11<sup>th</sup> Street and the Traffic Bridge, in conjunction with the planned improvements on Victoria Avenue between 11<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

At its Regular Business Meeting held on March 25, 2019, City Council received a [report](#) regarding the Active Transportation Implementation Plan and resolved, in part:

- “1. That the Active Transportation Implementation Plan be endorsed with the exception of the elements pertaining to the Downtown AAA Network, which is the subject of a future report to City Council; and”

The implementation strategy included five key components:

- Integration with standard practice;
- Leverage other projects;
- Shelf-ready projects;
- Leverage all funding opportunities; and
- Measure and report progress.

At its Regular Business Meeting held on April 29, 2019, City Council received a [report](#) regarding the Downtown Active Transportation Network and resolved, in part:

- “3. That the Administration halt work on the downtown Active Transportation network and re-focus on planning of Active Transportation infrastructure connections city-wide.”

At its Regular Business Meeting held on April 26, 2021, City Council received the Victoria Avenue Bikeway, Pedestrian, and Traffic Safety Improvement Project [report](#) and approved street level protected bike lanes for Victoria Avenue from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Taylor Street.

At its Regular business meeting held on May 31, 2021, City Council received the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) – Budget Adjustment [report](#) and resolved, in part:

“1. That Capital Project 2468 Active Transportation Plan Implementation be increased by \$3,666,500 funded from ICIP funding;”

The \$3,666,500 of ICIP funding covers 73.3% of the total \$5,260,000 sidewalk infill project cost, with the remaining 26.7%, or \$1,593,000, City contribution to be funded from the previously approved \$3.0M of reallocation funding.

The report included the locations of sidewalks to be constructed through ICIP, and an update for the locations of sidewalks to be constructed through reallocation pool funding. ICIP is a fund sponsored by the Government of Canada and the Province of Saskatchewan. Missing sidewalks on Victoria Avenue from Elm Street to Ruth Street were included on the list and constructed in 2024.

At its Regular Business Meeting held on March 29, 2023, City Council received the Saskatoon Transportation Master Plan – Updated Prioritization Criteria [report](#) and resolved:

“That the criteria for prioritizing transportation projects, as provided within this report, be approved.”

At its Regular Business Meeting held on May 31, 2023, City Council approved the Funding for Active Transportation Fund [report](#) and resolved, in part:

“1. That Capital Project P.02468 Active Transportation Plan Implementation be increased by \$1,810,000 funded from Infrastructure Canada - Active Transportation Fund; and”

The Connecting Victoria Avenue functional planning project received funding of \$50,000 from the federal government through the Active Transportation Fund. The remaining \$25,000 for the project was funded from Capital Project P.02468 Active Transportation Plan Implementation.

At its meeting held on October 3, 2023, the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation received the Saskatoon Transportation Master Plan – 2023 Prioritized Infrastructure List [report](#) as information. The Connecting Victoria Avenue project is ranked as priority #9 and the Sidewalk Infill Program is ranked as priority #14 on the prioritized infrastructure list.

CIMA+ Canada Inc. was retained to develop functional designs for active transportation improvements on Victoria Avenue from Taylor Street to Ruth Street.