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## **Inquiry – Councillor R. Donauer (March 21, 2016) Traffic Study – Area of Hangar Rd., 47th St. West, and Ave. C – Follow-up**

### **Recommendation**

That the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department dated May 14, 2018, be forwarded to City Council for information.

### **Topic and Purpose**

This report provides a response to City Council's request for a further traffic study on the Airport Business Area.

### **Report Highlights**

The Airport Business Area neighbourhood traffic review will be prioritized according to the established criteria for Neighbourhood Traffic Reviews and funded through Capital Project #1512 – Neighbourhood Traffic Management.

### **Strategic Goal**

This report supports the Strategic Goal of Moving Around by providing improved safety for all road users (pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers), and helps provide a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

### **Background**

The following inquiry was made by Councillor R. Donauer at the meeting of City Council held on March 21, 2016:

“Would the Administration please complete a traffic study on the area of Hangar Road, 47th Street West, and Avenue C and report back with solutions on how to facilitate traffic from the Hangar Road and 47<sup>th</sup> Street area turning northbound onto Avenue C. With increased traffic, this is becoming a safety issue. Specifically, would you please report back on the possibility of having traffic lights installed on Avenue C and Hangar Road, or Avenue C and 47<sup>th</sup> Street West.”

At its meeting held on June 27, 2016, City Council received an update report on the status of this inquiry, which outlined the steps being undertaken to complete the review.

At its meeting held on January 23, 2017, City Council received the results of the traffic study for Avenue C between Hangar Road and 47<sup>th</sup> Street, and resolved the following:

- “1. That the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department dated January 10, 2017, be received as information; and
2. That the Administration provide a report on whether the traffic study for the airport area can be included in 2017 and a possible funding source.”

## **Report**

City Council, at its meeting held on August 14, 2013, approved a new process within the Neighbourhood Traffic Management Program. This process includes a strategy to review concerns on a neighbourhood-wide basis by engaging the community and stakeholders in first identifying specific traffic issues, and secondly, developing joint recommendations that address the issues. The progress of completed Neighbourhood Traffic Reviews (NTR's) to date is illustrated in Attachment 1.

In 2017, the Hudson Bay Industrial and North Industrial Areas underwent a NTR as a pilot of the program to non-residential neighbourhoods. The pilot project was successful and the Administration is expanding the program to include non-residential areas. The Airport Business Area is not yet scheduled, but will be prioritized through the NTR prioritization. The list of remaining neighbourhoods to be prioritized is included as Attachment 2.

The remaining neighbourhoods will be prioritized based on the following criteria:

- Councillor priorities (3 points per selection);
- Collisions (0 points for low, 1 point for medium, 2 points for high);
- Number of outstanding concerns (1 point per concern); and
- Number of temporary traffic calming devices in place (1 point per device).

## **Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement**

Public meetings are held for each review, including an initial meeting with residents and stakeholders, to identify specific traffic concerns and potential improvements, and a second meeting to present a draft traffic plan for discussion. A third meeting may be held if significant changes to the traffic plan are proposed.

Business owners and stakeholders who cannot attend the meetings will be able to provide feedback via the City of Saskatoon's (City) online neighbourhood traffic concerns form, online engagement portal, or by phone, email, or mail.

Initial meetings are typically held in spring, while the second meetings are held in fall. The City's internal departments will have an opportunity to provide input on the plan pertaining to the impact on their operations.

## **Communication Plan**

The Neighbourhood Traffic Review program includes an extensive communication plan designed to both solicit input from residents and to provide updates on the process.

When the Airport Business Area is included in a future neighbourhood traffic review, these communications will be rolled out as part of the process.

**Other Considerations/Implications**

There are no options, financial, environmental, policy, privacy, or CPTED considerations or implications.

**Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion**

The neighbourhood prioritization for 2019 will be presented to City Council in the fall of 2018.

**Public Notice**

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

**Attachments**

1. Neighbourhood Traffic Review Distribution (Map)
2. Remaining Neighbourhoods to be Prioritized

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