
National Trade Corridors Fund Projects – June 2018 Update

Recommendation

That the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department dated June 11, 2018, be received as information.

Topic and Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation on the outcome of the applications for the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF).

Report Highlights

The City of Saskatoon (City) submitted an application but did not receive approval for the Highway 11 and Highway 16 Interchange Upgrades.

Strategic Goals

This report supports the long-term strategy of reducing the gap in funding required to rehabilitate and maintain the City's infrastructure under the Strategic Goal of Asset and Financial Sustainability. This report also supports the long-term strategy of optimizing the flow of people and goods in and around the city under the Strategic Goal of Moving Around.

Background

The NTCF program is one component of the Federal Government's Investing in Canada Plan which is to address the long-term infrastructure needs in Canada and support middle class growth and jobs. The NTCF will help address transportation bottlenecks, vulnerabilities and congestion and is delivered by Transport Canada over a period of 11 years.

City Council at its Regular Business Meeting held on November 20, 2017, resolved that the City's application to the NTCF for the Highway 11 and Highway 16 Interchange Upgrades be endorsed.

Report

The City submitted an application for the Highway 11 and 16 Interchange Upgrades. The ultimate interchange configuration has been developed and this application was for the first phase of the upgrades which would help to alleviate insufficient capacity during peak demand, ineffective moving of traffic and substandard vertical clearance on the bridge structure.

On April 10, 2018, the Administration received notification that the Highway 11 and Highway 16 Interchange Upgrade project was not selected for funding. The City's application was one of more than 350 applications that the NTCF received for this round of funding.

Financial Implications

This project will remain as unfunded, since there is no current funding source available.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no options, public and/or stakeholder involvement, communications, policy, environmental, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

There will be future calls for proposals under the NTCF that may offer another opportunity to apply for federal funding. The Administration will prioritize all projects that may be eligible for future NTCF and will present that list of projects to the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation in 2018.

Public Notice

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

Report Approval

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