

Report to Council



Date: September 17, 2019
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To: City Manager
From: Integrated Transportation, Department Manager
Subject: Update Regional Transportation Plan and STPCO

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report of the Integrated Transportation Manager, dated September 17, 2018 with respect to the Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO) and the Regional Transportation Plan.

Purpose:

This report provides an update for Council on the activities of the local government partnership on sustainable transportation and the advances related to the Regional Transportation Plan.

Background:

The Sustainable Transportation Partnership of the Central Okanagan (STPCO) has been formally in place since 2013 through the Intermunicipal Transportation Service and Regulation Bylaw No. 10830. The STPCO evolved from the Regional Transportation Committee and the Transportation Demand Management function of the Regional District. The STPCO is an Intermunicipal Service Agreement between the local governments of the Central Okanagan, consisting of the City of Kelowna, District of Lake Country, City of West Kelowna, Westbank First Nation, District of Peachland and the Regional District of the Central Okanagan. The Local Government Advisory (LGA) Board directs the work of the Partnership, and an Executive Committee oversees the partnership.

Regional Transportation Plan (Connecting our Region)

The Regional Transportation Plan will help shape the future of the Central Okanagan Region by identifying the transportation investments that will be needed for the next 20 years.

The Central Okanagan's first Regional Transportation Plan launched this year with the selection of a lead consultant and community engagement to confirm the vision and goals for the region. The STPCO

Planning & Technical Committee, representing STPCO partners and the Ministry of Transportation, selected the following firms to support plan development:

HDR, led by Stephen Power, P.Eng., MCIP, RPP and John Hubbell, is the lead consulting firm for the project.

James Laurence Group, led by Debbie Cox, will support the public engagement and communications.

Phase 1 engagement:

In April and May, more than 250 people attended four pop-up open houses in Peachland, Lake Country, Kelowna and West Kelowna and Westbank First Nation and more than 600 people completed a survey to have their say about the vision and goals for regional transportation.

The initial vision and goals were based on engagement conducted in 2014, and tested and modified. Residents told us their vision includes safe, accessible and connected biking and walking routes, more transit, low cost transportation options for people of all incomes and abilities, reduced congestion and increased efficiency for vehicle travel.

In May and June, the regional partner governments reviewed the open house and survey results and added their input to the vision and goals. Their priorities include:

- efficient mobility and reduced congestion
- active transportation
- convenient and effective transit
- accessibility for all ages, incomes and abilities
- land use considerations, including density
- reducing car dependency
- economic development
- preparing for the future including electric and driverless cars and ridesharing

A shared vision for the region:

This summer, the STPCO Local Government Advisory Board, representing the partnering local governments and consisting of the Mayors, the Chief of the Westbank First Nation and the Chair of the Regional District of the Central Okanagan confirmed the following vision for the Regional Transportation Plan:

“A transportation system that connects people to regional destinations within the Central Okanagan and beyond, supporting and enhancing the region’s economy, social networks, and natural ecosystem.”

Next Steps:

This fall, the project team will develop planning principles, build the preliminary evaluation framework, confirm the regional transportation network and analyze current and future conditions.



Internal Circulation:

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Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority
 Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements
 Existing Policy
 Financial/Budgetary Considerations
 Personnel Implications
 External Agency/Public Comments
 Communications Comments
 Alternate Recommendation

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Attachment 1 - Presentation titled 'STPCO and RTP Update'

Attachment 2 - STPCO Newsletter

cc Divisional Director, Infrastructure
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