



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: September 12, 2024

FROM: Transportation and Engineering Department

DATE: September 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Oakville Transportation Master Plan Development

LOCATION: Town-wide

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report dated September 3, 2024, entitled "Oakville Transportation Master Plan Development", be received.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this item:

- The Oakville Transportation Master Plan (TMP) will be a comprehensive multimodal transportation plan up to 2051.
- The draft TMP will be complete by the end of 2024, and the TMP will be presented to Council for endorsement in Q1 2025.
- Input from public and stakeholders representing a variety of backgrounds will help ensure the TMP is holistic and inclusive.
- While all topics in the TMP are related to accessibility, there are specific topics that would be of particular interest, such as the connectivity and safety of walking, cycling and transit networks, and the contemplation of electric kick-start scooters.
- A Public Information Centre #3 is planned on October 23, 2024, at Town Hall, and various outreach pop-up events at the Farmers' Market, Fire Prevention Week and senior centres are also planned.

BACKGROUND:

The Town of Oakville Transportation Master Plan (TMP) update is underway to help shape the future of transportation throughout Oakville up to 2051. The TMP was initiated in the beginning of 2023 and will be presented to Council for endorsement in Q1 2025. Past 2013 and 2018 TMPs concluded that there are limited opportunities to widen roads for car traffic due to environmental constraints and resulting in more congestion by attracting more cars. A balanced approach to improve all people movement would be the best solution. Building on this, the

current Oakville TMP will be a comprehensive multimodal transportation plan that will:

- Recommend policies, programs, and infrastructure improvements to enhance mobility and safety for all road users, with a focus on improvements to more sustainable modes of travel, such as by foot, cycle, and transit.
- Serve as an input to the future 10-year Capital Forecast and Development Charges Background Studies.
- Include a detailed implementation plan.
- Includes an expansive public engagement plan.

The first Public Information Centre (PIC), in December 2023, presented the TMP study process, key project objectives and opportunities and challenges for Oakville's transportation network. The second PIC, in June 2024, presented the alternative solutions and evaluation criteria needed to determine preferred solutions. In addition to the PIC approach (i.e. inviting public to come to the Town Hall), the TMP public engagement has been complemented by an outreach approach (i.e. reaching out to the places of gathering), such as community centres, libraries, senior centres Canada Day event, and Farmers' Market event. This expansive public engagement approach seeks input from a variety of background of road users, to help ensure the TMP is holistic and inclusive. Public feedback received to date has been primarily about the need to improve/address transit frequency and connectivity, continuity and consistency in pedestrian and cycling connections, speed management, transportation funding and congestion. Upcoming consultation and outreach events are described below.

The purpose of this report is to welcome input from the Accessibility Advisory Committee during the development of the TMP.

DISCUSSION:

The TMP's purpose statement is:

The Town of Oakville is developing an equitable, sustainable, accessible, and connected transportation system that supports planned growth and enables the development of vibrant, people-oriented, and transit-supportive complete communities through 2051.

The TMP will recommend additional transportation improvements above and beyond the recommendations identified in the previous TMPs in 2013 and 2018. To help identify and prioritize these additional transportation improvements to best suit Oakville, the TMP develops and evaluates alternative scenarios, as follow:

- Scenario 1: Focus improvements on **Travel within the Neighbourhoods** for vehicle, walk/cycle, and transit i.e. short distance travel.
- Scenario 2: Focus improvements on **Travel within and between the Neighbourhoods** for vehicle, walk/cycle, and transit i.e. medium distance travel.

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- Scenario 3: Focus improvements on **Travel to broader regions** for vehicle, walk/cycle, and transit i.e. long distance travel.

Realizing that all road users would have the travel needs for all scenarios, this evaluation is to prioritize resources towards the mobility lifestyle that best fits with Oakville's residents and visitors. It is expected that the TMP will include recommendations for a hybrid of these scenarios. While all scenarios are related to accessibility, there may be specific interests from the perspective of Oakville Accessibility Advisory Committee. The details and maps of these scenarios can be found in the TMP project webpage, available in this link:

<https://www.oakville.ca/transportation-roads/transportation-roads-studies-and-plans/transportation-master-plan/>

The TMP will also recommend policy directions, such as street design that accommodates all road users (also known as complete street), goods and services movement, and contemplation of electric kick-start scooters (also known as e-scooters). For e-scooters, the TMP will develop draft recommendation from the evaluation of the feasibility, applicability, implementation requirements and maintainability of this mode of transportation in Oakville.

The upcoming next step for the TMP is that a Public Information Centre #3 is planned on October 23, 2024 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Town Hall, and various outreach pop-up events such as the Farmers' Market, Fire Prevention Week and senior centres will follow. The TMP project team will seek input from the public on the preferred solutions from the technical evaluation results. The next PIC, the fourth and final round, is scheduled to take place in the beginning of 2025 to get feedback on the draft implementation plan and the final draft report.

The TMP final draft report will be presented to Council by the end of 2024, and the final report will be presented in Q1 2025. The TMP draft report will be made available at the project website for a 60-day of public consultation period.

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