

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING A G E N D A

Monday, September 20, 2021, 3:00 p.m. Council Chamber, City Hall 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 2. REPORT
 - 2.1. Chief Administrative Officer Special Report, 2021 September 20

3. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

3.1. SIDEWALK IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

Purpose: To seek Council approval for the sidewalk implementation process as presented in this report in order to help meet the City's multimodal transportation targets.

- 4. NEW BUSINESS
- 5. ADJOURNMENT

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S SPECIAL REPORT September 20, 2021

Unless otherwise noted, the departmental recommendations contained in this Chief Administrative Officer's Report are approved and recommended by the Chief Administrative Officer to the Mayor and Council.

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL;

The following report is submitted for your consideration:

Item

01 SIDEWALK IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

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Yours respectfully,

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Chief Administrative Officer



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COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER DATE: 2021 September 14

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 37500-14 Reference: Sidewalks and Pathways

SUBJECT: SIDEWALK IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

PURPOSE: To seek Council approval for the sidewalk implementation process as presented in this report in order to help meet the City's multi-modal transportation targets.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve the sidewalk implementation process as presented in this report.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Burnaby Transportation and Climate Action Plans both seek to complete the City's sidewalk network to meet safety, mode split, and emissions targets. One of the Big Moves in the current draft of the Transportation Plan is to complete 80% of the pedestrian network by 2030. However, only approximately 70% of the sidewalks needed in 2021 to reach this goal will be constructed because some residents have been successful in stopping sidewalk construction projects in their neighbourhoods.

Residents opposed to sidewalks often cite loss of parking, loss of landscaping, and increased maintenance as reasons for their opposition. These issues do arise with the introduction of sidewalks, but sometimes they can be alleviated with design changes if they are known when there is still time to make changes. Moreover, staff find that some residents become more supportive of sidewalks when they learn of their advantages such as street lighting, storm water management, and traffic calming. It appears that more sidewalks can be constructed successfully if residents are engaged earlier in the process to determine the issues and are provided education on the benefits of pedestrian infrastructure.

Staff are proposing to introduce a sidewalk implementation process to improve effectiveness of sidewalk construction and help meet the City's target of completing 80% of the pedestrian network by 2030.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

Goal

- A Safe Community
 - Transportation safety Make City streets, pathways, trails and sidewalks safer
- A Connected Community
 - Geographic connection Ensure that people can move easily through all areas of Burnaby, using any form of transportation
- A Healthy Community
 - Healthy life
 - Encourages opportunities for healthy living and well-being
 - Healthy environment Enhance our environmental health, resilience and sustainability
 - Community involvement Encourage residents and businesses to give back to and invest in the community
- A Dynamic Community
 - City facilities and infrastructure Build and maintain infrastructure that meets the needs of our growing community
- A Thriving Organization
 - Communication Practice open and transparent communication among staff, Council and the community

3.0 SIDEWALK IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

3.1 **Prioritization**

Staff have developed a framework to prioritize where sidewalks are needed the most. The evaluation framework consists of ten factors. Five are based on pedestrian demand and five are based on pedestrian safety & equity. The ten factors are shown in the table below.

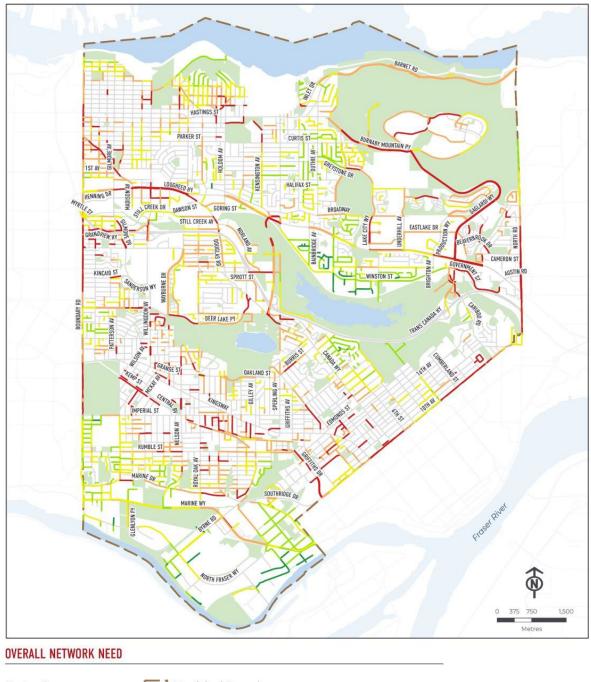
Pedestrian Demand	Pedestrian Safety and Equity
Transit	Road Classification
Schools	Network Connectivity
Parks, Seniors Centresor Civic Facilities	Network Need
Commercial Areas	Equity
Destination Density	Walking Mode Share

Each factor is scored on a scale of 1 to 10 based on a pre-set criteria which can be found in the attached presentation. Scores are tabulated and a network need score is assigned to every street in the City. The higher the score, the higher the need for a sidewalk in the area. The results are shown spatially in the map below. Each year staff will develop a logical package of sidewalks for construction based on the sidewalk priorities, construction capacity, and other construction activity. To: Chief Administrative Officer

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- Municipal Boundary
 Park
 - Water Feature

3.2 Public Engagement

The year prior to construction, staff will develop conceptual designs to share with impacted residents. Each resident will be contacted to ensure they understand the scope of the project and the impacts adjacent to their properties. Changes to the conceptual design will be made where possible. Staff will also work with residents on strategies to mitigate any issues that might arise. For example, if the new sidewalk impacts existing hedges or fences, staff typically work with residents to relocate the encroaching fences or hedges onto their property.

Once the public engagement phase is complete, it is understood that major changes can no longer be made to the design and that all the sidewalks identified in the package will start construction the following year. Major changes to the design or cancellation of any planned sidewalks after this point will frustrate the ensuing design and construction phase.

3.3 Detailed Design and Construction

Detailed design and construction will take place as usual. A tender package is prepared by a qualified engineer and posted on BC Bid for competitive tender.

During this phase contractors and consultants can have substantial interactions with the public because they are on-site and in close proximity to residents. This can sometimes result in inconsistent information because communication is coming from multiple sources depending on who is most accessible to the public. Staff plan to have a dedicated person on the project to handle communications and interactions with the public. This will help ensure complaints are given a timely response and messaging is consistent.

3.4 Process Timelines

The chart below provides a typical timeline for the proposed sidewalk implementation process.

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Conceptual Design																								
Public Engagement																								
Detailed Design																								
Tender																								
Construction																								

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4.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommend that Council approve the proposed sidewalk implementation process as presented in this report.

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Attachment

Copied to: Director Corporate Services Director Planning & Building Assistant Director Engineering Infrastructure and Development

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SIDEWALK IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

Special Council Meeting

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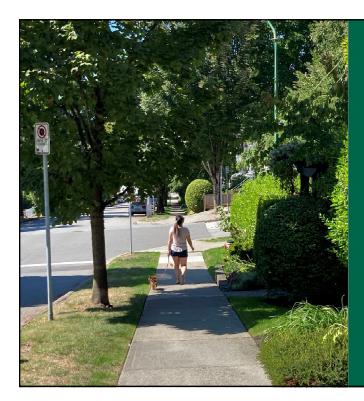












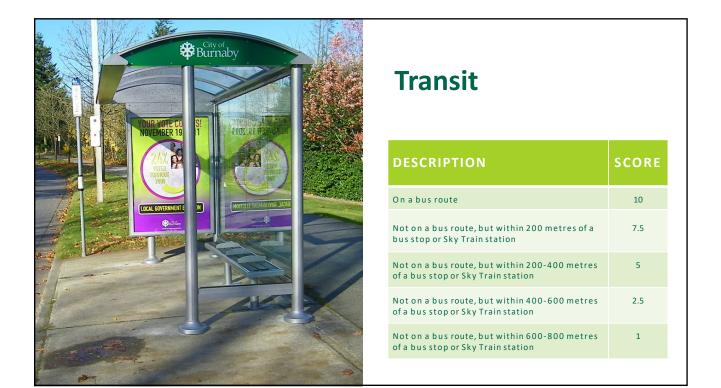
The Standard

- Separated
- 1.8m minimum
- Curb & gutter
- Streetlights & trees
- Wheelchair ramps

Exceptions:

- Tree preservation
- Storm water quality

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Schools

DESCRIPTION	SCORE
Directly adjacent to any school	10
Within 200 metres of any school	7.5
Within 200 – 400 metres of any school	5
Within 400 – 600 metres of any school	2.5
Within 600 – 800 metres of any school	1





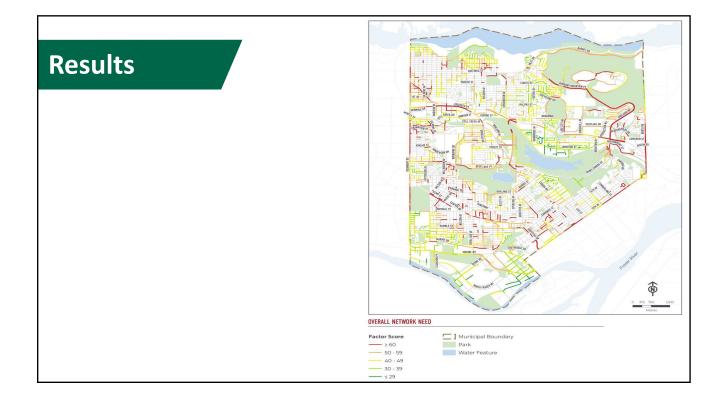
Network Connectivity

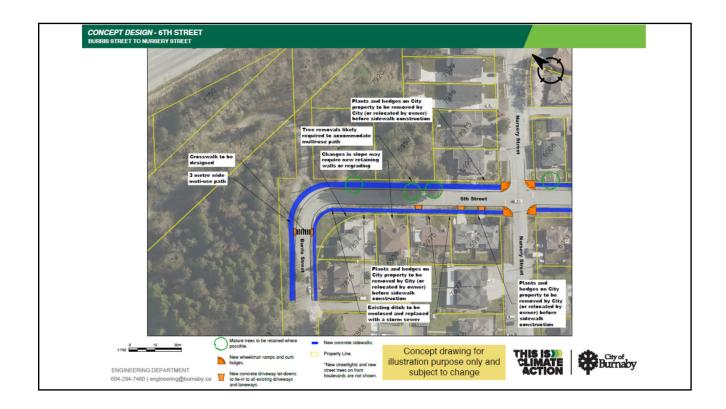
DESCRIPTION	SCORE
Connects to a Sidewalk or Trail on Both Ends	10
Connects to a Sidewalk or Trail on One End	5
Does Not Connect to a Pedestrian Facility	1

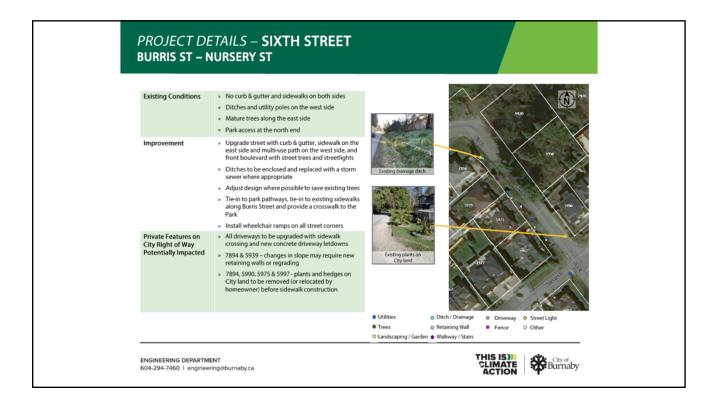
Network Need

DESCRIPTION	SCORE
No Sidewalks or Trails on Either Side	10
Sidewalk or Trail Already on One Side	5
Sidewalks or Trails on Both Sides	N/A

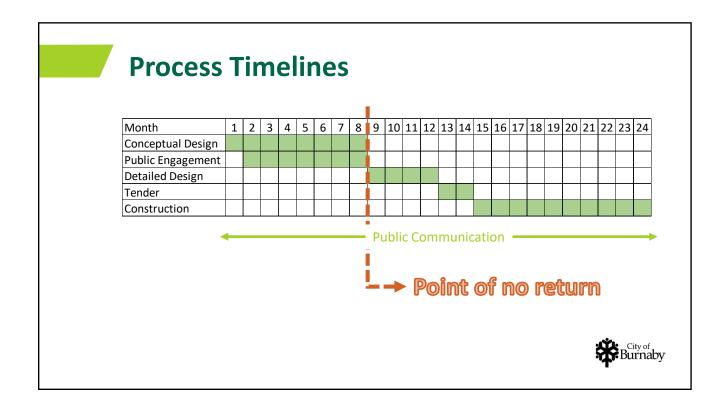












Recommendation

That Council approve the sidewalk implementation process as described.



