
TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER **DATE:** 2022 Sep 12

FROM: ACTING GENERAL MANAGER **FILE:** 94000 01
ENGINEERING *Reference: Transportation
Planning - General*

**SUBJECT: 2022 INFRASTRUCTURE CANADA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
FUND – PLANNING PROJECTS**

PURPOSE: To seek Council's endorsement for two transportation planning projects and entering into a funding contribution agreement with Infrastructure Canada's Active Transportation Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council endorse two transportation planning projects as outlined in this report and enter into a funding contribution agreement with Infrastructure Canada's Active Transportation Fund for the projects.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Infrastructure Canada's Active Transportation Fund invests in projects that build new and expanded networks of pathways, bike lanes, trails and pedestrian bridges, in addition to supporting active transportation planning and stakeholder engagement activities. Funding applications were submitted earlier this year for two transportation planning projects:

- City of Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw Update
- City of Burnaby District-wide Active School Travel Planning

Funding of \$50,000 for both projects respectively has been approved by Infrastructure Canada subject to Council endorsement of the projects and entering into a funding contribution agreement with Infrastructure Canada.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

The proposed projects support the vision, goals, and targets as described in *Connecting Burnaby*, Burnaby's Transportation Plan, including facilitating sustainable mode-shifts and reductions in overall greenhouse gas emissions.

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3.0 DISCUSSION

3.1 City of Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw Update

In support of the Accelerated Mode Shift Big Move, several mode-shift quick starts have been identified in *Connecting Burnaby*, Burnaby's Transportation Plan, including a review of the City's current bylaws to remove barriers to sustainable multi-modal transportation options. Multi-modal transportation includes emerging low and zero carbon options such as e-scooters and e-bikes, as well as car sharing. Through the Street and Traffic Bylaw Update project, the City will review existing bylaws to identify and work to remove barriers to e-bike, e-scooter and car sharing, such as parking restrictions for car share vehicles and highly restricted use of neighborhood zero-emission vehicles. The contribution of \$50,000 from Infrastructure Canada would provide a funding source for staff to continue with the ongoing effort to update the City Street and Traffic Bylaw.

3.2 City of Burnaby District-wide Active School Travel Planning

The City of Burnaby is home to the Burnaby School District, which is the fourth largest school district in the province and one of the most culturally diverse school districts in Canada. The School District operates 41 elementary and 8 secondary schools, with approximately 25,000 K-12 students and 4,000 employees. With the recent adoption of *Connecting Burnaby*, Burnaby's Transportation Plan, the City has set new policy directions to increase its active mode share to $\frac{3}{4}$ of all trips by 2050. In order to achieve this, the City is supporting education for pedestrian and cyclist safety through the Safe Routes to School program, as well as developing resources, programs, activities, and other initiatives that encourage, support, and facilitate active school travel.

In conjunction with the development of the Regional Youth Travel Strategy, which is a coordinated regional effort led by TransLink to encourage more active travel by children, the City has an opportunity to adopt a comprehensive approach to improve safety and active transportation across the school district. This project will complement the City's ongoing Elementary School Safety and Traffic Study, which is focused on identifying potential infrastructure safety improvements and upgrades within the vicinity of elementary schools. Through this project, the City hopes to work with schools to develop resources, such as 'best routes to school' for walking and cycling, and work with schools to understand barriers and constraints, and develop strategies and actions to tackle these challenges at a city and district-wide level. The City hopes to encourage school children and youths to use more sustainable and active transportation modes to travel to and from school by building their confidence and safety awareness while also facilitating safer travel behaviors within the vicinity of school sites. The contribution of \$50,000 from Infrastructure Canada will provide an initial funding source for staff to develop the scope and identify the priority schools for collaborating on a Safe Route to School plan.

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4.0 RECOMMENDATION

Funding from Infrastructure Canada’s Active Transportation Fund program has been recently secured for two transportation planning projects in Burnaby (City of Burnaby’s Street and Traffic Bylaw Update and the City of Burnaby District-wide Active School Travel Planning) subject to Council endorsement. It is recommended that Council endorse the two transportation planning projects and enter into a funding contribution agreement with Infrastructure Canada for the projects.



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