

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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TITLE: YORK REGION PRESENTATION – TRANSPORTATION
MASTER PLAN UPDATE

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ACTION: FOR INFORMATION

Purpose

York Region staff will present the proposed 2051 transportation networks for cycling, rapid transit and roads, as well as five focus areas which will inform the York Region Transportation Master Plan Update, scheduled for completion in 2022.

Report Highlights

- The 2022 York Region Transportation Master Plan will identify cycling, rapid transit and road infrastructure to enhance travel today and support future growth.
- The Transportation Master Plan will include a new section outlining focus areas where additional study and consultation between York Region and local municipalities is required.
- Regional staff anticipate hosting a third and final virtual public information centre in spring 2022 to seek public and stakeholder input on the draft TMP.
- The TMP is scheduled to be reported to Regional Council in June 2022 for approval.

Recommendations

1. That York Region's 2022 Transportation Master Plan presentation be received for information;

2. That staff continue to engage with York Region on the TMP Update and coordinate with the on-going Vaughan Transportation Plan study to ensure the City's needs are met; and
3. That a copy of this report be forwarded to York Region.

Background

The 2022 York Region Transportation Master Plan is being updated to address provincial growth targets and evolving Regional transportation infrastructure needs

The Regional Official Plan is being reviewed and updated through the Municipal Comprehensive Review process to address population and employment growth implications of recent amendments to the Provincial Growth Plan, Planning Act, and Provincial Policy Statement. As part of this process, the Region's long-term transportation infrastructure plans are being reviewed as part of an updated Transportation Master Plan to ensure growth forecasts to 2051 can be accommodated.

The TMP update will reflect changes in how transportation infrastructure is planned and delivered since the 2016 TMP was completed

The TMP update will focus on creating a Master Plan that is flexible and fiscally sustainable to allow for transportation infrastructure to be delivered to the Region's thriving communities by leveraging existing investments, facilitating partnerships and collaboration with other levels of government.

The planning context has changed since 2016 and infrastructure implementation has become more integrated with the priorities of other levels of government. The TMP will reflect external factors that impact the Regional transportation network, including changing economic conditions, development market pressures and evolving Provincial infrastructure investment priorities and co-funding requirements.

Previous Reports/Authority

[York Region Council Committee of the Whole, E.1.2, November 11, 2021](#)

Analysis and Options

The 2022 York Region Transportation Master Plan will identify cycling, transit and road infrastructure to enhance travel today and support future growth

The 2022 TMP strives to balance the need for enhanced road connections, rapid transit expansion and options for cycling while considering future costs for construction,

operation, and maintenance. The cycling, rapid transit and road networks proposed for the TMP update align with current municipal, Regional and Provincial plans with some adjustment to better align with the Region's fiscal strategy. The TMP also recognizes the importance of coordinating transportation infrastructure with planned growth per the Regional Official Plan update and servicing infrastructure included in the Water and Wastewater Master Plan. The identified infrastructure represents the long-term transportation needs for all modes of travel to support the Region's growth over the next 30 years. The proposed networks were developed based on guiding principles that were informed by public feedback and the Region's fiscal strategy.

The 2022 TMP update will not include detailed phased infrastructure maps that summarize network requirements in five-year horizons, as were included in the 2016 Transportation Master Plan. Instead, the timing for implementation of the network improvements is detailed in York Region's 10-year Roads and Transit Capital Construction Program, which is approved annually by Regional Council through the budget process.

The 2022 Transportation Master Plan will include a new section outlining focus areas where additional study and consultation is required

The TMP update includes five proposed focus areas that summarize departmental priorities where additional work is required to address key transportation issues. The update will seek Council endorsement of these focus areas, which will require further study and consultation to develop recommendations for discussion and approval over the next term of Council. These focus areas will replace the numerous specific transportation policies which were included in the 2016 TMP. Staff have identified five proposed focus areas for further exploration as part of the TMP update:

- Safety for all travellers
- Transportation equity
- Reduce car travel
- Financial and environmental sustainability
- Review the role and function of Regional corridors

Financial Impact

The proposed transportation infrastructure identified will be funded by York Region. One of the proposed focus areas, review of the role and function of Regional corridors, may have financial implications to the City depending on the results of the review. Staff will continue to work with York Region on all five of the proposed focus areas identified.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Staff will continue to collaborate closely with the Region on the 2022 TMP, ensuring coordination and alignment between the 2022 TMP and the on-going Vaughan Transportation Plan.

Conclusion

The proposed transportation networks and focus areas will be used to inform the development of the draft 2022 TMP. York Region staff will bring a report to Council in June 2022 to seek Council approval of the 2022 TMP.

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Attachments

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