

City of Port Moody Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: September 27, 2021

Submitted by: Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division

Subject: St. Johns Street Redesign Public Engagement Strategy

Purpose

This report seeks Council endorsement of the public engagement strategy being proposed by staff for the redesign of St. Johns Street, including the design of a new multi-use pathway from Barnet Highway to Moody Street.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT the St. Johns Street Redesign Public Engagement Strategy be endorsed as recommended in the report dated September 27, 2021 from the Engineering and Operations Department – Project Delivery Services Division regarding St. Johns Street Redesign Public Engagement Strategy.

Background

During engagement for the 2017 Master Transportation Plan (MTP), the community recognized that sections of St. Johns Street—Port Moody's main corridor—was not a comfortable place to walk, cycle, or wait for transit. For St. Johns Street, the strategies and actions of the MTP identify the need to widen the sidewalk, install traffic signals to provide safe and accessible locations for pedestrians to cross the road, and implement bicycle amenities that appeal to people of all ages and abilities.

MTP targets relating to the St. Johns Street redesign include:

- increasing to 40 per cent the proportion of trips by walking, cycling, and transit;
- reducing the average distance driven by making walking, cycling, and transit more viable;
- reducing traffic-related injuries and fatalities; and
- providing high-quality, all-ages, all-abilities bicycle facilities throughout Moody Centre.

The redesign of St. Johns Street will be split into two phases – East and West. The end delivery for the first (West) phase of the project will be the construction of a multi-use pathway along the south side of St. Johns Street between Albert Street/Barnet Highway and Moody Street. The second (East) phase of the project, from Moody Street to loco Road, will be implemented as development occurs. The engagement is also split into two phases. The initial phase focuses on providing information on the overall project as well as seeking input on the detailed design of the

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West phase. The second phase of engagement will focus on seeking input for the East phase of the project and will be more conceptual in focus.

Discussion

The new multi-use pathway for the first phase (West) of the project is currently in the design phase, and a 30% concept design has been provided to staff for review by the City's Consultant Engineer. The project is now moving into the detailed design phase for the pathway, with the intention to tender the work in the winter of 2021, with construction in the following spring/summer.

The project is now seeking to gather input for this project from stakeholders and the public. To facilitate the consultation, staff have prepared the attached St. Johns Street Redesign Public Engagement Strategy dated June 10, 2021 for Council review and endorsement.

To meet the above project construction timelines, it is important that the first public consultation be complete by the end of 2021 to allow time to incorporate the findings from the consultation into the first phase of the project. As such, Council endorsement of the attached strategy is now requested.

Other Option(s)

THAT Council direct staff to report back on alternative approaches to public consultation.

It should be noted that reporting back on alternative approaches to consultation could result in delays to project construction.

Financial Implications

The anticipated costs of the proposed public engagement activities are already accounted for within the approach project budget, as such, there are no additional financial implications.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

If Council approves the engagement strategy, staff will work with the project consultant to implement the attached strategy. Input collected from the public will inform the features of the pathway.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

This project aligns with the following Strategic Plan Objectives:

Healthy City

- Provide local services and access to amenities for residents of all ages and abilities; and
- Encourage lifelong healthy and active living; and

Community Evolution

 Provide people with a variety of options to move through and around Port Moody safely and efficiently.

Attachment(s)

1. St. Johns Street Redesign Public Engagement Strategy, June 10, 2021.

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Report Approval Details

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