



# **BRS-USSU-TRANSIT Meeting**

April 19, 2021



# Question 1A

What do you see as the role of the Transportation Department in serving bus riders and pedestrians?

# Answer 1A – Transportation Responsibilities

- Safe, reliable, and timely options for travel in the city.
- Expertise and direction to City Council, colleagues, property and business owners, and other organizations.
- Leadership, education, and engagement on city transportation systems.

# Answer 1A – Transportation Network

Objective – To plan and design a hierarchy of streets for all modes of travel that support the movement of people of all ages and levels of mobility in all seasons of the year, while integrating the street environment with existing and future land uses.



# Answer 1A – Intent of Transportation Network

- Serve and support existing and planned land use and built form context;
- Encourage people to travel by walking, cycling, and transit;
- Provide transportation options for people of all ages and abilities through universal design;
- Enhance the safety and security of urban streets;
- Create a network of streets that offer mobility options for all users;
- Provide opportunities for improved health and recreation to people in the community by providing active, safe streets; and
- Create public space that is active and attractive within the street corridor.
- Loads of Guiding Principles that supports all modes on Page 28

# Answer 1A – Public Transportation

- Objective - To provide reliable, accessible transit service that encourages more people to choose public transportation as their mode of choice in all seasons of the year.
- Loads of guiding principles on Page 33 of Transportation Master Plan that address your concerns

# Question 1B

How will the department work to provide greater support for these modes of transportation?

# Answer 1B – Keystone Plans

- 2013 Saskatoon Speaks
- 2016 Growth Plan to Half a Million
- 2016 Active Transportation Master Plan
- 2018-2021 Strategic Plan of Council
  - ‘Moving Around’
    - ‘Accessible and Efficient Transit System’
    - ‘Traffic flow throughout the city is safe and optimal’
    - ‘Parking availability is optimized’
- 2020 The Official Community Plan Bylaw



# Answer 1B - Policy

- Public Engagement Policy
- Street Design Policy
- Traffic Calming Policy
- Traffic Noise Sound Attenuation

# Answer 1B – Other Plans

- Accessibility Action Plan
- Building Better Roads/Sidewalks
- Green Infrastructure Plan
- Low Emissions Community Plan

# Answer 1B – The Keystone Plan: Transportation Master Plan (Objectives)

- Operating Procedures and Programs
- Quality of Service
- Transportation Network
- Goods Movement
- Public Transportation
- Monitoring and Reporting

# Answer 1B – Transportation Master Plan (Strategy)

- Improves Equity
- Improves Accessibility
- Improves Safety
- Optimizes Traffic Flow
- Addresses Network Gaps
- Optimizes Parking
- Facilitates Infill Development

# Answer 1B – Transportation Master Plan (Strategy)

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# Answer 1B – (Action 1)

## Prioritized Infrastructure List

1. Sidewalk Infill Program
2. Downtown Active Transportation Network
3. Imagine Idylwyld
4. West Central Multi-Use Corridor
5. 17<sup>th</sup> Street Extension
6. Intersection Improvements Program
7. Assiniboine Drive CN Rail Ped / Cyclist Crossing
8. Circle Drive Widening: Clancy Dr to Laurier Dr

# Answer 1B – (Action 1) Prioritized Infrastructure List

9. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street River Crossing
10. Active Transportation Corridors
11. Cycling Infrastructure: Bundle One
12. Cycling Infrastructure: Bundle Two
13. Circle Drive / Airport Drive Interchange
14. Circle Drive Widening: Idylwyld to Warman
15. 51<sup>st</sup> Street and Millar Avenue Intersection

# Answer 1B – Projects

## Pedestrian Network

- 2019 – Curb ramps now replaced as part of asset preservation program, reducing implementation timeframe from 47 to 17 years
- 2019/20 – 20M of sidewalk functional plans completed
- 2020 – Sidewalk prioritization criteria updated, sidewalk inventory moved to GIS
- 2020 – AT Bridge Audit – 200+ improvements (many small)

# Answer 1B – Projects

- 2020 – 1M in Reallocation Pool funding for curb ramps (250)
- 2020 – 3M in Reallocation Pool funding for infill sidewalks
- 2020 – 5M in ICIP funding for infill sidewalks
- 2021 – Multiple reports to council to sort out tree/sidewalk conflict
- 2022 – New design standards for sidewalks in new neighbourhoods -

# Answer 1B – Projects

- 2022 – New design standards for sidewalks in new neighbourhoods
  - 2.5m sidewalks both side of arterials (or MUP on both sides)
  - 1.8m sidewalks both sides of collectors
  - 1.5m sidewalks both sides of locals



# Answer 1B – Projects

- NTR Program
  - Installing traffic calming measures since 2014
  - Enhanced pedestrian crossings at XXX locations
- Cycling
  - 3 Bikeways approved by Council
  - Victoria Avenue - Ongoing
  - Downtown – Will restart in 2021

# Answer 1B – Projects

	Installed	Recommended but not yet installed
Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons	5	11
Active Pedestrian Corridors	14	14
Pedestrian Actuated Signals	5	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>

# Answer 1B – Projects

- 8<sup>th</sup> Street Rehabilitation
  - Wider sidewalks
  - Accessibility ramps
- BRT Support
  - Missing sidewalk connections
  - Transit Signal Priority infrastructure
  - Wider sidewalks
  - Pedestrian crossings

# Answer 1B – Projects

- Bike Bylaw
- Touchless Accessible Pedestrian Signals
- 2021 Pedestrian Safety Campaign
- 2020-21 BYXE Campaign
- Speed Limit in Residential Area Review

## Question 2

How can Transportation adapt its designs and standards to meet changing needs?





## Answer 2

- Street Design Policy
- Involvement with TAC – Geometric Design SC; Traffic Operations and Management SC; Connected Vehicles WG; Active Transportation SC; GHG SC; Asset Preservations SC

## Question 3

What can the Transportation department do to improve access to the City's buses and make streets, sidewalks and multi-use pathways more walkable for all?

# Questions?

