

The Regional Municipality of York

Committee of the Whole
Transportation Services
March 3, 2022

Report of the Commissioner of Transportation Services

2022 Transportation Master Plan - Draft

1. Recommendations

1. Council receive the draft 2022 Transportation Master Plan.
2. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the local municipalities requesting comments in advance of final approval by Council in June 2022.

2. Summary

This report provides Council with an update on the draft 2022 Transportation Master Plan (TMP), along with an overview of the progress completed and next steps on continued engagement further to progress updates provided in fall 2021.

Key Points:

- The draft 2022 TMP is an update to the plan endorsed by Council in June 2016
- The draft 2022 TMP is being coordinated with the Region's Municipal Comprehensive Review Process that includes updates to the Region's Official Plan and Water and Wastewater Master Plan
- Extensive engagement with residents, stakeholders and partners has been integral in developing the draft 2022 TMP and is continuing
- Five focus areas addressing key transportation issues have been identified will be used to inform and develop recommendations and action plans for discussion and implementation over the next five years
- The final 2022 Transportation Master Plan will be presented to Council for approval in June 2022

3. Background

The draft 2022 Transportation Master Plan is an update to the plan endorsed by Council in June 2016

The 2022 TMP is an update to and builds upon the elements of the 2016 TMP endorsed by Council in [June 2016](#). It supports the corporate vision of “Strong, Caring and Safe Communities” and the four priorities of the Region’s Corporate Strategy: Economic Vitality, Good Government, Healthy Communities and Sustainable Environmental.

October and November 2021, staff reported to Council on the progress of the draft 2022 Transportation Master Plan

On [October 14, 2021](#), staff reported to Council on the outcome of stakeholder engagement on the update to the Transportation Master Plan and draft strategic planning work.

On [November 11, 2021](#), staff provided Council with an overview of the proposed 2051 transportation networks for cycling, rapid transit and roads, and five focus areas for consideration and inclusion in the draft 2022 Transportation Master Plan.

4. Analysis

The draft 2022 TMP identifies transportation infrastructure to support the Region’s communities and economic growth to 2051

The draft 2022 TMP goals align closely with the Region’s Fiscal Strategy and identifies transportation infrastructure supporting planned population and employment growth over the next 30 years. It proposes a network that provides convenient travel options, promotes economic growth, manages congestion, minimizes impacts on the environment and is financially sustainable. A copy of the draft TMP is included as Attachment 1.

The long-term transportation infrastructure required to support the Region’s communities and economic growth to 2051 is shown on Attachments 2 through 5. These include the proposed cycling, rapid transit and road networks to connect travellers safely and reliably to their destinations and efficiently move goods across the Region’s cities and towns.

The draft 2022 TMP is coordinated through the Municipal Comprehensive Review process, which includes updates to various Regional plans

As balancing improvements to the transportation network with planned growth in population and employment is critical, alignment is required through the Municipal Comprehensive Review process. This accounts for planned growth included in the [2021 Draft York Region Official Plan](#) update and servicing infrastructure identified in the Water and Wastewater Master Plan to ensure sustainable implementation.

The draft 2022 TMP supports the 50-55% intensification targets recommended by the 2021 Draft York Region Official Plan and coordinates with the Development Charge Bylaw update.

Extensive engagement has been integral in developing the draft 2022 TMP

Engagement with residents, stakeholders and partners has been ongoing throughout the 2022 TMP process. Further engagement and consultation since the last Council update includes:

- A second virtual public information session held in late October 2021, where proposed 2051 transportation network maps and focus areas were presented by staff. The session attracted 95 attendees who were able to use an interactive mapping and commenting tool to share feedback on the proposed transportation networks and focus areas.
- Presentations to local municipal councils, as requested, providing an update on the draft TMP 2022 progress to date and seeking feedback on the proposed 2051 transportation network maps and focus areas.
- Meetings with local municipal staff and government agency representatives through the Transportation Master Plan Partnership Advisory Group and follow up discussions.
- Feedback from Regional Mayors, Councillors and York Region senior management on transportation issues within communities.

The draft 2022 TMP includes five focus areas for further study

Through the update process, five focus areas addressing key transportation issues were identified and further exploration of these would be undertaken over the next five years. The focus areas include:

- Safety for all travellers
- Transportation equity: options for all lifestyles, life stages and abilities
- Reduce car travel
- Financial and environmental sustainability
- Review the role and function of Regional corridors

The five focus areas will be used to inform and develop recommendations and action plans for discussion and implementation over the next five years.

Stakeholder engagement is continuing and a third and final public information session is planned for April 2022

Meetings with community partners, such as the Agriculture and Agri-Food Committee, Accessibility Advisory Committee and numerous Indigenous communities, were scheduled through late January and February 2022. Resident, stakeholder and partnership input on the draft 2022 TMP is continuing to be collected through spring 2022, including a planned third and final virtual public information session for York Region residents and travellers in April.

The final 2022 Transportation Master Plan will be presented to Council for approval in June 2022

All input received from residents, stakeholders and partners throughout the engagement and outreach process on the draft 2022 TMP will be compiled in late spring 2022. Feedback will be reviewed, addressed and where feasible, incorporated into the final plan.

5. Financial

The draft 2022 TMP is intended to address the transportation needs of travellers while responsibly managing costs in alignment with the Region's Fiscal Strategy.

The estimated costs of the networks and related programs identified in the draft 2022 TMP are approximately \$12.3 billion for transit (not including the cost of replacing the existing fleet with electric buses), \$410 million for exclusive active transportation projects and \$6.4 billion for roads which also provides for active transportation improvements.

The growth-related infrastructure included in the draft 2022 TMP is mainly funded by development charges that cover 80% to 90% of the cost of most new projects, with the remaining projects, such as road improvements, funded through property taxes, grants, subsidies and cost-sharing opportunities with third parties, including other levels of government.

6. Local Impact

Engagement with residents, stakeholders, partners, and local municipal Councils has been ongoing throughout the draft 2022 TMP process and is continuing in spring 2022, including a third and final virtual public information session planned for April.

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7. Conclusion

The final 2022 Transportation Master Plan will be presented to Council for approval in June 2022, in coordination with the Municipal Comprehensive Review process and 2022 Development Charge Bylaw update,

It is recommended the Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report and draft 2022 Transportation Master Plan to the local municipalities requesting any final comments be provided prior to being presented to Council for final approval in June.

For more information on this report, please contact Brian Titherington, Director, Transportation Infrastructure Planning at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 10260. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.

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