

The Regional Municipality of York

Committee of the Whole
Transportation Services
September 8, 2022

Report of the Commissioner of Public Works

2022 Transportation Master Plan

1. Recommendations

1. Council approve the 2022 Transportation Master Plan, included as Attachment 1 to this report.
2. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities, Toronto and Region and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authorities, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Ministry of Transportation and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

2. Summary

This report seeks Council approval of the 2022 Transportation Master Plan (2022 TMP) and provides a summary of comments received as part of mandatory 30-day public review period.

Key Points:

- Council approved the [2022 Transportation Master Plan](#) in principle, on June 30, 2022
- Consistent with requirements in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process, the 2022 TMP and Appendices were available for a 30-day public review period commencing July 7, 2022
- The 2022 TMP has now been updated to include comments received through the 30-day public review period
- Comments primarily came from the Provincial review seeking additional details about consultation and engagement, travel demand analyses and more specific project details (see Appendix C in the 2022 TMP)
- Final approved 2022 TMP will be available online at york.ca/2022 TMP

3. Background

2022 Transportation Master Plan was approved in principle by Council on June 30, 2022

Council approved the 2022 TMP in principle on June 30, 2022, and requested staff provide a further report in September 2022, once all comments received during the required 30-day public review period had been addressed.

Development of the 2022 TMP involved extensive consultation and engagement, including three virtual public information sessions held on July 15, 2021, October 20, 2021 and April 21, 2022. Comments received during development of the 2022 TMP were addressed in the 2022 TMP approved in principle in June 2022.

The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process requires that completed master plans, such as the 2022 TMP, be filed with the Municipal Clerk and placed on the public record for at least 30 calendar days for review by the public and review agencies. The 2022 TMP and background reports were made available for public review on July 7, 2022. The 2022 TMP report, maps and appendices were also available online at york.ca/2022_TMP. Accessibility formats and communication supports were available upon request. The public review period ended on August 8, 2022.

4. Analysis

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks provided feedback on the Draft 2022 Transportation Master Plan

Regional staff received feedback from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) on the draft 2022 TMP. Initial comments focused on three themes: consultation, project details such as location and Environmental Assessment status and travel demand analysis to assess transportation needs to 2051 in the Region. The MECP comments have been addressed and additional information has now been included in the 2022 TMP appendices. Appendix C includes the following information requested by the MECP:

- C1 - Engagement and Indigenous Consultation
- C2 - Travel Demand Analysis Report
- C3 - Project Details Report

Comments were provided by residents, municipalities and agencies during the 30-day public review period

During the July 7 to August 8, 2022 review period, residents, local municipal staff and agencies provided comments. A summary of all comments received, including information on any actions resulting from those comments, are summarized in Attachment 2.

Comments received included requests for clarification, changes to network maps and clarification changes to the 2022 TMP as follows:

- Recommendations to clarify the text and network maps related to rapid transit, network alignments, infrastructure design and protection for wildlife and the natural environment.
- Emphasis on the importance of safety initiatives including traffic calming, dedicated cycling lanes and micromobility.
- Clarification on specific intersection improvements were requested and these will be addressed through further study, as applicable.

No major changes to the 2022 TMP have resulted from comments received during the 30-day public review period.

2022 Transportation Master Plan was completed concurrently with the Regional Official Plan update to ensure an integrated approach in supporting regional growth

The 2022 TMP provides the 30-year outlook for transportation to support population and employment growth forecasts in the Region to 2051. The 2022 TMP was completed as part of a concurrent planning process along with the Water and Wastewater Master Plan, Development Charges By-Law, and the Regional Official Plan update. This coordinated process ensured an integrated approach to align growth with infrastructure.

5. Financial

No changes have been made to the financial information in the 2022 TMP as a result of comments received during the 30-day public review period or Provincial review.

The total anticipated Regional investment identified in the 2022 TMP presented to Council on June 30, 2022 is unchanged. The Region's contribution to the estimated cost of the 2051 transportation networks and programs identified within the 2022 TMP is about \$8.54 billion. This includes \$4.07 billion for transit, \$3.97 billion for roads (includes active transportation improvements) and \$496 million for stand-alone active transportation projects. Major capital projects in the 2022 TMP align with the recently approved Development Charge Bylaw and project prioritization and programming in the 10-year Roads and Transit Capital Program approved annually by Council.

6. Local Impact

The 2022 TMP guides how local municipalities identify and plan for infrastructure required to support growth forecasts. It further provides support to local municipal transportation master plans, secondary plans and development charges bylaws by identifying synergies between

roads, transit and active transportation improvements supporting growth, and guiding local development and land use planning decisions.

Engagement with local municipal Councils and staff occurred throughout the 2022 TMP development process through regular Partnership Advisory Group meetings, presentations and ongoing consultation. Local municipal input received was addressed in the 2022 TMP to ensure it supports a Regional transportation system that is safe, accessible, equitable and meets the needs of the entire Region.

On June 9, 2022, the Regional Clerk received a resolution (Attachment 3) from the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council reflecting the Town's concerns related to safety along Stouffville Road and capacity requirements to support Minister's Zoning Orders. The Region's response is included as Attachment 4 and did not require changes to the 2022 TMP. Specific work to address the Town's concerns, including advancing safety audits in areas along Stouffville Road are underway and will be discussed with the Town in late 2022.

Comments were received from the City of Richmond Hill and the Township of King related to network maps and specific intersection improvements and did not require changes to the 2022 TMP. No additional comments were received from any of the other local municipalities during the 30-day public review period that required changes to the 2022 TMP.

7. Conclusion

The 2022 Transportation Master Plan, approved in principle by Council on June 30, 2022, has been updated to include comments received during the 30-day public review period and Provincial review.

This report seeks Council approval of the final 2022 TMP. Once approved, the 2022 TMP will be available online at york.ca/2022 TMP.

For more information on this report, please contact Brian Titherington, Director, Transportation and Infrastructure Planning at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75901. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.

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