

Revised Agenda Active Transportation Advisory Committee The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hybrid Meeting - Virtual Option & In-Person in Council Chambers – 4th Floor –

City Hall

Members: Stephen Laidlaw (Co-Chair)

Lisa Stokes (Co-Chair)

Enzo Bek Cindy Evans

Alina Grzejszczak

Dayle Laing Barry Lavallee Steven Lee

Regional Councillor Rowena Santos

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| 1 | Call | to | Order |
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- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
- 4. Previous Minutes
- 4.1 Minutes Active Transportation Advisory Committee December 10, 2024

The minutes were considered by the Planning and Development Committee on January 13, 2025, and were approved by Council on January 22, 2025. The minutes are provided for Committee's information.

- 5. Presentations / Delegations
- 5.1 Presentation by Stephen Laidlaw, Co-Chair, re: Bicycle Parking in Brampton

To be received.

*5.2 Presentation by Fernanda Soares, Project Manager, Active Transportation, Planning, Building and Growth Management, re: The 2025 Active Transportation Work Plan

Note: This Item was published on the City's website on February 10, 2025.

To be received

- 6. Reports / Updates
- 7. Other / New Business / Information Items
- 7.1 Active Transportation Advisory Committee Sub-Committee Minutes January 21, 2025

To be received.

7.2 Discussion at the request of Stephen Laidlaw, Co-Chair, re: Degradation of the

Asphalt Road Surface at Bus Stops on the Vodden Street Bicycle Lanes

- 8. Correspondence
- 9. Question Period
- 10. Public Question Period

15 Minute Limit (regarding any decision made at this meeting)

11. Adjournment

Next regular meeting: Thursday, April 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.



Minutes

Active Transportation Advisory Committee The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Members Present: Stephen Laidlaw (Co-Chair)

Lisa Stokes (Co-Chair)

Enzo Bek Cindy Evans Dayle Laing Barry Lavallee

Regional Councillor Rowena Santos (left at 5:15 p.m.)

Members Absent: Alina Grzejszczak

Steven Lee

Staff Present: Nelson Cadete, Sr. Manager, Transportation Planning, Planning,

Building and Growth Management

Fernanda Duarte Peixoto Soares, Project Manager, Active

Transportation

Tyron Nimalakumar, Transportation Manager, Active

Transportation

Tammi Jackson, Legislative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. and adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The following motion was considered.

ATC050-2024

That the agenda for the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting of December 10, 2024, be approved, as amended, as follows:

To Vary the Order to deal with Item 5.4 (Bike Lane Experiences of Other Cities) prior to Item 5.1 (Etobicoke Creek Trail Damage).

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Nil

4. <u>Previous Minutes</u>

4.1 Minutes - Active Transportation Advisory Committee - October 8, 2024

The minutes were considered by Planning and Development Committee on November 4, 2024, and were approved by Council on November 20, 2024. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

5. <u>Presentations / Delegations</u>

5.1 Presentation by Stephen Laidlaw, Co-Chair, re: Etobicoke Creek Trail Damage

Stephen Laidlaw, Co-Chair, provided an overview of Etobicoke Creek Trail damage and responded to questions of clarification from Committee.

Committee discussion included the following:

- Question regarding the possibility of mitigating future risks by running culverts underneath the trails.
- Outlined the importance of trails being opened and the impact on cyclists when trails are closed.

The following motion was considered.

ATC051-2024

- That the presentation from Stephen Laidlaw, Co-Chair, re: Etobicoke Creek Trail Damage, to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting of December 10, 2024, be received; and,
- 2. That Stephen Laidlaw, Co-Chair, represent the Active Transportation Advisory Committee at a City of Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee meeting in January 2025 to delegate on the Etobicoke Creek Trial Damage.

Carried

5.2 Presentation by Stephan Laidlaw, Co-Chair, re: Mathematics of Vehicular Overtake

Stephen Laidlaw, Co-Chair, provided an overview of the mathematics of vehicular overtake and responded to questions of clarification from Committee.

Committee discussion included the following:

- Suggestion to use the data to create an infographic that could be used for promotion and education.
- Suggestion to set up a simulation at Bike Fest.
- Outlined the need for Peel Regional Police enforcement.

The following motion was considered.

ATC052-2024

That the presentation from Stephen Laidlaw, Co-Chair, re: **Mathematics of Vehicular Overtake**, to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting of December 10, 2024, be received.

Carried

5.3 Presentation by Dayle Laing, Citizen Member, re: Bike Lane Experiences of Other Cities

Dayle Laing, Citizen Member, provided an overview of bike lane experiences of other cities and responded to questions of clarification from Committee.

The following motion was considered.

ATC053-2024

That the delegation from Dayle Laing, Citizen Member, re: **Bike Lane Experiences of Other Cities**, to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting of December 10, 2024, be received

Carried

5.4 Presentation by Dayle Laing, Citizen Member, re: Carbon Emissions In The GTHA Brampton At Numbers Shine Brightly

Dayle Laing, Citizen Member, provided an overview of the Carbon Emissions In The GTHA Brampton At Numbers Shine Brightly report and responded to questions of clarification from Committee.

Committee discussion included the following:

- Request to have the information included in a future report to Committee of Council or Council.
- Questions regarding how the data is broken down and if the data is comparable to surrounding municipalities.
- Clarified that the information is free data and that everyone has complete access to the site.

The following motion was considered.

ATC054-2024

That the presentation from Dayle Laing, Citizen Member, re: **Carbon Emissions In The GTHA Brampton aT Numbers Shine Brightly**, to the Active
Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting of December 10, 2024, be received

Carried

6. Reports / Updates

Nil

7. Other / New Business / Information Items

7.1 Discussion at the request of Dayle Laing, Citizen Member, re: 2025 Bike Show Support from Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Dayle Laing, Citizen Member, advised the Committee that the Tourism department booked the Bike and e-Bike show. Ms. Laing inquired as to whether or not this particular event was the best use of City funds and suggested the Committee consider the Outdoor Adventure show. The Outdoor Adventure show runs February 21 to 23, 2025 and the Bike and e-Bike show runs March 7 to 9, 2025. Ms. Laing suggested leaving the decision up to staff and having further discussions with Tourism staff.

7.2 Active Transportation Advisory Committee - 2025 Meeting Schedule

The following motion was considered.

ATC055-2024

That the **Active Transportation Advisory Committee - 2025 Meeting Schedule**, to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting of December 10, 2024, be received

Carried

8. <u>Correspondence</u>

8.1 Correspondence from Kevin Minaker, Manager, Traffic Operations and Parking, Public Works and Engineering re: Other Municipalities Crossride Programs compared to the City of Brampton's.

Committee acknowledged the correspondence and the following motion was considered.

ATC056-2024

That the correspondence from Kevin Minaker, Manager, Traffic Operations and Parking, Public Works and Engineering, re: **Other Municipalities Crossride Programs compared to the City of Brampton's**, to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting of December 10, 2024, be received.

Carried

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| 9. Q | uestion | Perioa |

Nil

10. Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made at this meeting. T. Jackson, Legislative Coordinator, confirmed there were no questions from the public.

11. Adjournment

The following motion was considered.

ATC057-2024

That the Active Transportation Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

| Carried | |
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| Stephen Laidlaw (Co-Chair) | |
| Lisa Stokes (Co-Chair) | |

Bicycle Parking In Brampton

Is the City of Brampton falling behind on bicycle parking?

Stephen Laidlaw

Brampton Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

February, 2025

Executive Summary



Key Points

311 Service Requests launched in 2021 for public bicycle parking needs.

Five-year implementation plan developed in 2022.

Installed 169 new racks and replaced 43 racks.

Budget to date: \$350,000 CAD



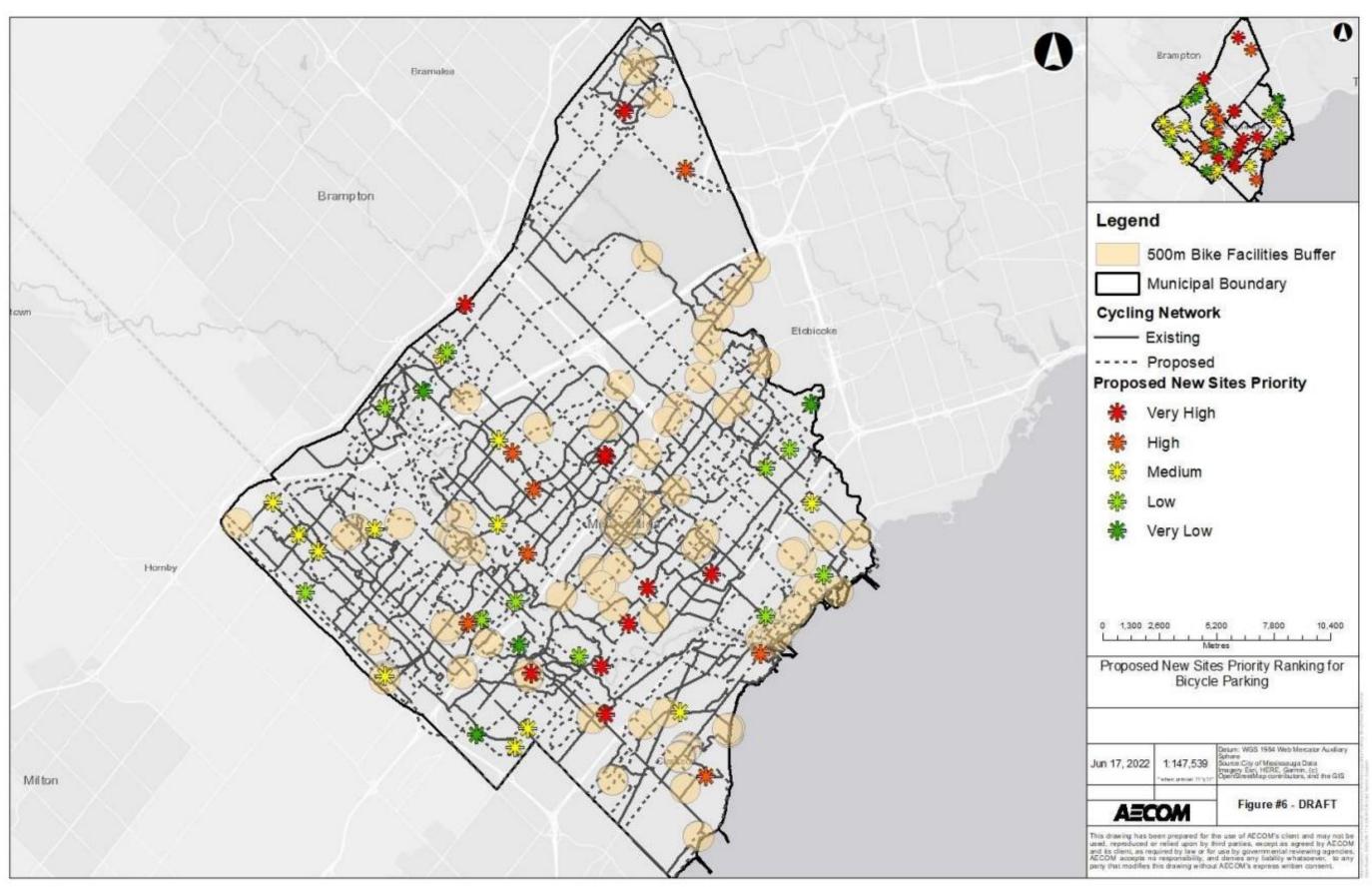
Impact: Supporting micro-mobility and sustainable transport



Implementation Details

Installation Framework

- Priority levels: Very High (1 year) to
 Very Low (monitor future).
- All "Very High" priorities completed within 2 years.
- Challenges: Installing on private properties; resolved via nearby public ROW solutions.





Implementation Details

Types of Racks:

- Preferred: Sheffield racks, post-and-ring racks.
- Conditional: Wheel-well secured, two-tiered, plaza racks, and lockers.

o Installations:

- o 169 new racks installed.
- 43 replaced for accessibility and usability.



Sheffield (Individual)



Sheffield – Multi "Toast"



Post & Ring



BramptonPublic and Private Property

- Besides municipal buildings, securable bike parking on private property can be extremely limited.
- Some private property facilities remain from their installation in the 1970s, and do not meet modern requirements.
- Mississauga and Hamilton have bicycle parking pages on their city websites. Hamilton also provides an application to find bicycle parking as well as bicycle repair stations. Both cities have a method of requesting bicycle parking in a specific area.



ConclusionIncreasing Mode Share

- To increase mode share for active transportation, residents must feel comfortable, not only on their journey, but also at their destination.
- A pleasantly located, quality bike rack, where they can secure their bike, at their destination, will go a long way to encourage them to make the trip by bicycle.





Presentation The Corporation of the City of Brampton 2/11/2025

Date: 2025-02-07

Subject: Active Transportation 2025 Implementation Work Plan

Contact: Fernanda Soares, Project Manager Active Transportation,

Integrated City Planning

Report number: Planning, Bld & Growth Mgt-2025-152

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the presentation from Fernanda Soares, Project Manager Active Transportation, Integrated City Planning to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting of February 11, 2025, re: Active Transportation 2025 Implementation Work Plan, be received.



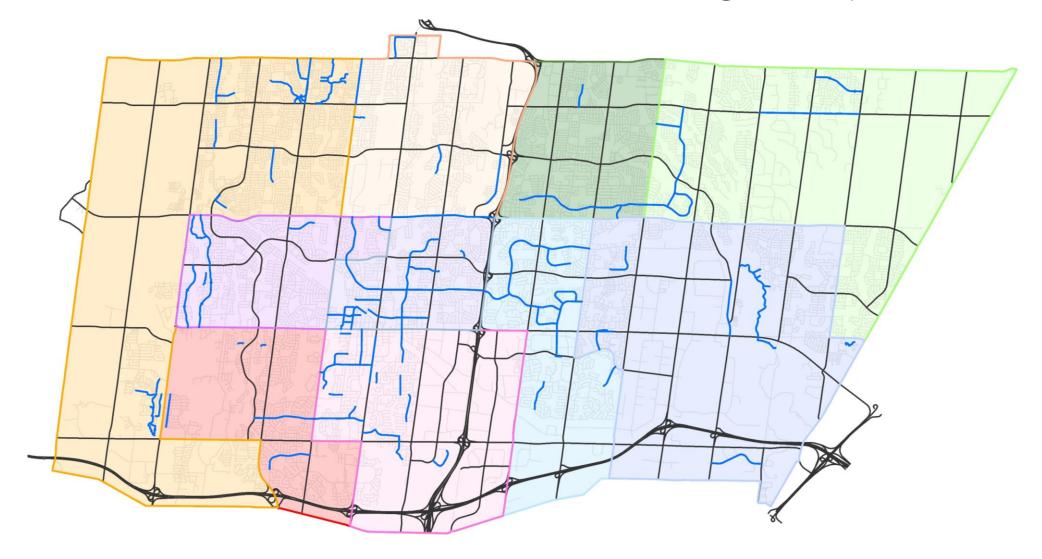
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ATMP OUTCOMES

- Improve the safety for walking and cycling
- Provide options to all residents, including enhancing the accessibility of the transportation network
- Maximize the value (usage) of existing infrastructure
- Invest efficiently in an expanding network
- Improve access to transit and provide viable active transportation options for the first / last mile
- The ATMP includes targets for bike lanes, multiuse paths, recreational trails, and signed bike routes to be implemented in Brampton by 2041, together totaling approximately 866 km



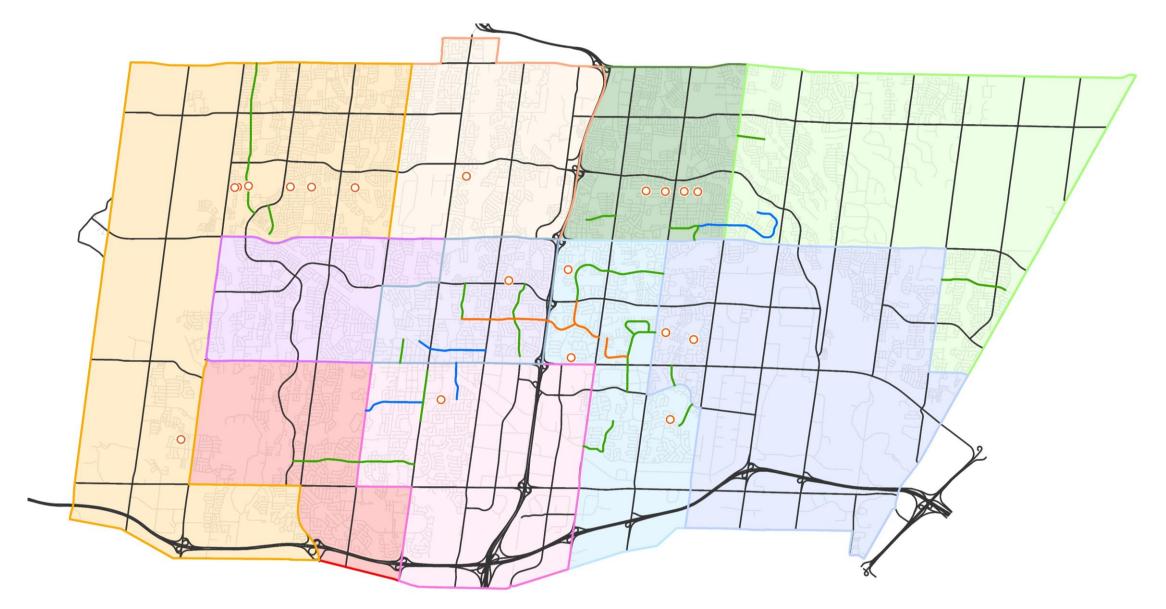
Linear Facilities ATMP Installation Progress (since 2019)



132.5 km of Infrastructure — including 16.7km of Trails



2024 AT Implementation Program Map





AT FACILITIES IMPLEMENTED (2024)

2024 Green Paint Retrofit

| Facility Location | Ward | Facility Length (km) |
|--|-------|-------------------------|
| Centre Street - Queen Street to Wiliams Parkway | 1 | 2 |
| Main Street - Nanwood Drive to Wellington Street | 3 | 1.2 |
| Central Park Drive - Bramalea Road to Clark Boulevard | 7 | 2 |
| Hilldale Crescent - Central Park Drive (E and W int.) | 7 | 1.2 |
| Eastbourne Drive - Balmoral Drive to Clark Boulevard | 7 | 0.6 |
| North Park Drive - Williams Parkway to Bramalea Road | 7 | 2 |
| Finchgate Boulevard - Queen Street to Clark Boulevard | 8 | 0.5 |
| Guru Nank Street - Great Lakes Drive to Dixie Road | 9 | 0.7 |
| McMurchy Avenue N - Railroad Street to Queen Street W | 1 | 0.55 |
| Peter Robertson Boulevard – Bramalea Road to Sunny Meadow Boulevard | 9 | 0.7 |
| Castle Oaks Crossing - The Gore Road to Apple Valley Way | 10 | 1.6 |
| Charolais Boulevard - James Potter Road to Main Street | 3,4 | 3 |
| Father Tobin Road - Torbram Road to Mountainash Road | 10 | 0.65 |
| Rutherford Road – Williams Parkway to Archdekin Drive | 1 | 0.5 |
| Sunny Meadow Boulevard - Peter Robertson Boulevard to Bovaird Drive | 9 | 0.35 |
| Veterans Drive, Mayfield Road to Creditview Road | 6 | 1.1 |
| Birchbank Road, Dixie Road to Avondale Boulevard | 7 | 0.5 |
| Avondale Boulevard, Balmoral Drive to Birchbank Road | 7 | 0.8 |
| Bleasdale Avenue, Creditview Road to Commuter Drive | 6 | 0.7 |
| | TOTAL | 20.65 KM |

2024 Linear Facilities

| Program | Location | Ward | Facility Type | Length |
|---------|--|------|-----------------------|---------|
| ATMP | Centre St S - Clarence to Queen | 3 | Sharrows | 0.9 |
| ATMP | Church St - Mill to Kennedy | 1 | Bike lane | 1.71 |
| ATMP | Harold St - Main to McLaughlin | 3 | Bike lane | 1.5 |
| АТМР | Peter Robertson Blvd - Sunny Meadow to Mountainash | 9 | Buffered bike lane | 1.3 |
| АТМР | Mountainberry Rd - Mountainash to Snowcap | 10 | Urban shoulder | 1.6 |
| АТМР | East-West Cycling Corridor – Vodden Street, Howden Road, and Hanover Road* | 1,7 | Bike Lane Upgrade | - |
| TOTAL | | | | 7.01 KM |



AT FIX-IT PROGRAM (2024)

| Program | Location | Ward | Facility type | Quantity |
|---------------------------|---|------|----------------------|----------|
| AT Fix-It (PXOs) | Edinburgh Drive at Mugford Cres | 6 | PXO | 1 |
| AT Fix-It (PXOs) | Clarence Street (37m West of Meadowland Dr) | 3 | PXO | 1 |
| AT Fix-It (PXOs) | Balmoral Dr (23m West of Eringate Rd) | 7 | PXO | 1 |
| AT Fix-It (PXOs) | Central Park Drive (212m West of Greenmount Rd) | 8 | PXO | 1 |
| AT Fix-It (PXOs) | Central Park Drive (54m East of Glenforest Rd) | 8 | PXO | 1 |
| AT Fix-It (PXOs) | Nuffield Road (59m West of Nuttal St) | 7 | PXO | 1 |
| AT Fix-It (PXOs) | Sunforest Drive (96m South of Townley Cres) | 2 | PXO | 1 |
| AT Fix-It (PXOs) | Weybridge Trail (165m east of Foxacre Row) | 1 | PXO | 1 |
| Transcanada Trail Project | Flower City Rec. Trail at Aldersgate Drive | 6 | Courtesy Crossing | 1 |
| Transcanada Trail Project | Flower City Rec. Trail at Tysonville Circle | 6 | PXO | 1 |
| Transcanada Trail Project | Flower City Rec. Trail at Veterans Drive | 6 | PXO | 1 |
| Transcanada Trail Project | Flower City Rec. Trail at Legate Street | 6 | PXO | 1 |
| Transcanada Trail Project | Flower City Rec. Trail at Brisdale Drive | 6 | PXO | 1 |
| Transcanada Trail Project | Flower City Rec. Trail at Edenbrook Hill Drive | 6 | PXO | 1 |
| Transcanada Trail Project | Flower City Rec. Trail at Fernforest Drive | 9 | PXO | 1 |
| Transcanada Trail Project | Flower City Rec. Trail at Sprucelands Avenue | 9 | PXO | 1 |
| Transcanada Trail Project | Flower City Rec. Trail at Maidengrass Road | 9 | PXO | 1 |



2025 WORKPLAN AND BUDGET

| Dept./Div. | Item | 2025 Budget Allocation |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| CS/Parks Maintenance & Forestry | Recreation Trail Repair & Replacement – Various | \$1,5M |
| | ATMP Update | \$300K |
| | Wayfinding Pilot (Esker Lake Trail area) | \$100K |
| | Permanent Counters | \$125K |
| PB&GM/Transportation Planning | E-scooter Data Management | \$17K |
| | Complete Streets Corridor Study (BMP Recommendation) | \$125K |
| | Active Transportation - Green Paint Retrofit | \$400K |
| | 2025 Road Resurfacing Program (Elgin and Mill + curb cuts) | \$73K |
| | Howden In Boulevard Facility Design (Williams to Central Park) | \$170K |
| PWE/Capital Works | Countryside Drive Improvements (Goreway to The Gore) | \$945K |
| | Goreway Drive Improvements (Cottrelle to Countryside) | \$2.6M |
| | Williams Parkway (McLaughlin to Dixie) | \$4.2M |
| PWE/Road Maintenance, Ops. & | Fix-it (curb cuts, bike parking) | \$80K |
| Fleet | PXO Contract | \$850K |
| | Page 23 of 49 TOTAL | \$11.47M |

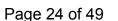


2025 WORKPLAN NEXT STEPS



- Finish to define locations for Retrofit and Fixt-it program
- Design linear facilities for RR program
- Launch of 2025 season of the E-scooter Pilot Program
- ATMP Update Terms of Reference
- Collaborate with design exercises of Capital Projects
- Support and promote the Programs and Events for 2025







City of Brampton Active Transportation Advisory Committee Sub-committee Meeting Minutes January 21, 2025 7:00 p.m.

Present: Fernanda Soares, Tyron Nimalakumar, Nkechi Nwokoye, Sara Cullen, Cindy Evans, Dayle Laing, David Laing, Steven Lee, Stephen Laidlaw, Enzo Habej-bek, Barry Lavalee, and Alina Grezejszczak

Regrets: Lisa Stokes

Agenda Item 1. - Input for the City of Brampton Active Transportation Master Plan update.

Fernanda was requesting input for the upcoming update of the City of Brampton Active Transportation Master Plan. Information will be collected from the existing plan, in addition to new input, to be submitted to a contracted firm for preparation of the new A.T.M.P. This policy document will be prepared to mesh with other city planning documents. The over view remains the same as the 2019 A.T.M.P.

David emphasized the importance of having a planning document, to maintain a vision and implement it over multiple years.

Alina suggested that monitoring progress should be emphasized.

Dayle recommended incorporating the use of mode share targets.

Fernanda said that, although we face challenges to implementation today, the city's official plan reinforces the A.T.M.P., plus the adopted usage of the complete streets guide will dictate future infrastructure construction. New neighbourhoods will be built to this standard.

Barry expressed concerns over the will of individual councillors to sabotage certain aspects of the plan.

Fernanda expressed hope that getting councillors fully involved in the process will help get everyone on board.

Dayle commented that during the life of the plan, new councillors will be elected.

Fernanda thinks that public engagement is the answer to get support. She encouraged all members of the committee to submit ideas, regarding this.

Stephen Laidlaw asked about how the downloading of certain services and responsibilities from the Region of Peel to the City of Brampton would effect the plan.

Fernanda replied that it may cause some updates to be made in the A.T.M.P.

Dayle commented on the need for road analysis.

Stephen Laidlaw emphasized the importance of the Missing Sidewalks program and bicycle parking program, as parts of the 2019 plan, be carried on.

Alina brought up the continuing need to make sure all bus stops are fully accessible, with a side walk fix it plan.

Stephen Laidlaw emphasized the importance of considering the less entitled, when implementing a active transportation network. Members were encouraged to submit any ideas for the A.T.M.P. update via email to Fernanda and Tyron.

Agenda Item 2. - The Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show at the International Centre.

The City of Brampton has rented a booth at the show, through the tourism department. It will be staffed by volunteers and city staff. One of the events promoted will be Bike The Creek.

Dayle reported that there will be Bike The Creek cards available, with a QR code on them.

Show hours:

Friday, Feb. 21 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb.22 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb.23. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sara and Alina expressed interest in working at the booth. All others were encouraged to contact Stephen Laidlaw if interested in participating. Dayle offered all the details and spread sheets from last years show.

Agenda Item 3. Discussion of a letter sent by the Mayor of Mississauga, Carolyn Parrish, condemning Bill 212 as an unnecessary imposition on the City of Mississauga's official plans, most specifically their Cycling Transportation Master Plan. This letter was sent to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, Prabmeet Sakaria, as well as Ontario Premier Doug Ford.

Stephen Laidlaw introduced the letter as a discussion item, with regard to the importance of the Mayor of Brampton drafting a similar letter.

Dayle expressed the opinion that it might be irrelevant, at this point, and might not fit with other political strategies.

Other members registered little interest in pursuing the matter.

Carolyn Parrish

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Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria Minister of Transportation 5th FIr, 777 Bay Street Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8 November 20, 2024

RE: Mississauga's Cycling Master Plan and Bill 212

Dear Minister Sarkaria.

I'm writing to you on behalf of both City Council and the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee (MCAC) regarding Bill 212, *Reducing Gridlock, Saving you Time Act, 2024,* to convey the city's continued support for building safe cycling infrastructure in Mississauga as part of a broader strategy to break congestion and gridlock, build more housing, and move people safely across our city.

MCAC is a citizen advisory committee who make recommendations to Council regarding the city's plans for cycling infrastructure. They have worked with city staff and Council for many years to develop Mississauga's Cycling Master Plan - a long-term strategy to build more safe and accessible cycling infrastructure in Mississauga. This commitment is aligned with the city's commitment to Vision Zero, which aims to reduce to zero the fatalities and serious injuries on our roads.

The city's cycling strategy is also aligned with our commitment to build more homes in Mississauga and meet our provincial housing target. As our population increases, we need to provide both existing and new residents with expanded options to meet their transportation needs, including cycling, to move around our city quickly and safely. We share the objective of building complete, livable communities, which require a variety of safe and connected mobility options.

Research from around the world and right here in Ontario shows that safe and accessible cycling lanes are critical to breaking urban congestion and gridlock. More people using bikes to get around means less traffic on our roads. But we know that people will not ride if they do not feel safe. In 2023 alone, two cyclists were killed and 51 injured on Mississauga's roads. 85% of serious cycling injuries and fatalities take place on roads without safe, dedicated cycling infrastructure. In short, separated and protected bike lanes save lives.

I raise these facts in light of Bill 212, which will significantly limit new bike lane construction our on roads if a lane of traffic is removed. While we appreciate the Province's focus on reducing congestion and gridlock, this must be balanced with the ability of all road users to move safely, including cyclists. Sometimes, this means

Carolyn Parrish

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reducing a lane of vehicle travel to install safe cycling infrastructure. The city does not make these decisions lightly, but only after extensive study and community consultation. We always work to improve travel times and reduce traffic wherever possible, while building cycling infrastructure that will move people by bike, and now e-scooters and e-bikes, across our city safely.

You will note from my October 30, 2024 letter that, in the case on Bloor Street, while the redesign removes a lane of traffic, cycle tracks are being provided in the boulevard. The removal of the traffic lane is needed to improve road safety and mobility for all users, while travel times are expected to remain constant, if not improve with this change.

On behalf of MCAC and Mississauga Council, I ask that you and your ministry make decisions based on facts and studies, and work with municipalities, including Mississauga, to ensure we build roadways that support the safe mobility of all users. Cities know the infrastructure needed to move people effectively and to build safe communities.

Regards,

Carolyn Parrish

Mayor

Cc., Hon. Doug Ford, Premier

Hon. Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business

Hon. Natalia Kusendova, Minister of Long-Term Care

Sheref Sabawy, MPP

Deepak Anand, MPP

Rudy Cuzzetto, MPP

Kaleed Rasheed, MPP

Laurie Scott, MPP and Chair of Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy

Members of Mississauga Cycling Committee

Members of Mississauga Council

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Ontario Bill 212 As Passed November 25, 2024

Part XII.1 is added to the Highway Traffic Act respecting bicycle lanes. Under the new Part,

- (a) municipalities are required, in certain circumstances, to obtain the Minister's approval before constructing bicycle lanes or to provide the Minister with information relating to existing bicycle lanes;
- (b) the Minister is required to remove specific bicycle lanes in the City of Toronto; and
- (c) the Lieutenant Governor in Council may order the removal of other bicycle lanes in certain circumstances.

Other provisions address various matters relating to the removal of bicycle lanes, including the powers of the Minister or a person acting on the Minister's behalf in removing such lanes, municipalities' obligation to provide to support or information, the reimbursement of municipalities for certain costs, and the immunity from liability of the Crown, municipalities and other persons.

PART XII.1
BICYCLE LANES

Definitions

195.2 In this Part,

"adjacent infrastructure" includes sidewalks, planters, curbs and traffic calming features; ("infrastructure adjacente")

"bicycle lane" includes any portion of a highway, the use of which is wholly or partially restricted or dedicated to bicycles; ("voie cyclable")

"bicycle traffic control signal" has the same meaning as in section 133; ("signalisation de la circulation pour bicyclettes")

<u>"related features" includes bollards, bicycle traffic control signals and painted roadway markings.</u> ("éléments connexes")

Minister approval for bicycle lanes required

195.3 (1) In the circumstances described in subsection (2), a prescribed municipality does not have the power to construct, install or mark a bicycle lane on a highway or part of a highway under its jurisdiction and control unless the design for the bicycle lane has been approved by the Minister and, in considering whether to give such approval, the Minister may require information from the municipality including traffic information relating to the design for the bicycle lane and the highway.

Application

(2) Subsection (1) applies if the design for the bicycle lane would reduce the number of marked lanes available for travel by motor vehicle traffic along any portion of or on either side of the highway where the bicycle lane is to be located.

Same, transition

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a municipality in respect of a bicycle lane if, on the day the municipality is prescribed for the purposes of subsection (1), a contract has already been awarded

or entered into for the construction, installation or marking of the bicycle lane or, if the construction, installation or marking of the bicycle lane is to be done by the municipality and not by any party under contract, such work has already commenced.

Consideration of bicycle lane

(4) In considering whether to approve the design for a bicycle lane, the Minister may consider whether the lane would unduly diminish the orderly movement of motor vehicle traffic.

Review of bicycle lanes

Municipality to provide information

195.4 (1) In the circumstances described in subsection (2), the Minister may require a prescribed municipality to provide traffic information relating to an existing bicycle lane on a highway under its jurisdiction and control, including a bicycle lane referred to in section 195.6, and the municipality shall comply with the request.

Application

(2) Subsection (1) applies if the addition of the bicycle lane reduced the number of marked lanes available for travel by motor vehicle traffic along any portion of or on either side of the highway where the bicycle lane is located.

Review of bicycle lane

(3) If any factors are prescribed for the purposes of this section, the Minister shall consider the factors in reviewing the traffic information relating to a bicycle lane that is provided under subsection (1).

Direction to remove lane

- 195.5 (1) After reviewing the information provided under subsection 195.4 (1), the Minister may inform the Lieutenant Governor in Council of the results of the review and the Lieutenant Governor in Council may issue an order directing the Minister to remove the bicycle lane or part of the lane and any related features or adjacent infrastructure and,
- (a) restore the lane or part of the lane for use by motor vehicle traffic; or
- (b) reconfigure the lane or part of the lane and any related features or adjacent infrastructure for use by motor vehicle traffic.

Amendment or revocation of order

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by order, amend or revoke an order issued under subsection (1).

Effect of any Act, regulation, etc.

(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may issue an order under this section despite any Act, regulation, by-law, order, permit, approval or licence.

Order not regulation

(4) Part III (Regulations) of the Legislation Act, 2006 does not apply to an order issued under this section.

Existing lanes in the City of Toronto, direction to remove

195.6 Subject to any prescribed exemptions or modifications, the Minister shall remove the bicycle lanes located on Bloor Street, University Avenue and Yonge Street, in the City of Toronto, and any related features, and restore the lanes for use by motor vehicle traffic.

Removal of lanes

Minister authority

195.7 (1) If the Minister is subject to an order issued under section 195.5, the Minister or a person acting on behalf of the Minister is authorized to do anything required to carry out the order.

Same, City of Toronto

(2) The Minister or a person acting on behalf of the Minister is authorized to do anything required to carry out the Minister's duties under section 195.6.

Removing and restricting common law right of passage

(3) For greater clarity, subsections (1) and (2) authorize the Minister or a person acting on behalf of the Minister to close that part of a highway affected by an order issued under section 195.5 or by section 195.6 and to remove or restrict the common law right of passage by the public over that part of the highway and the common law right of access to that part of the highway by an owner of land abutting a highway.

Minister powers

(4) No Act, regulation, by-law, order, permit, approval or licence bars the Minister or a person acting on behalf of the Minister from carrying out an order issued under section 195.5 or the Minister's duties under section 195.6.

Powers re entry, etc.

- (5) For the purpose of carrying out an order issued under section 195.5 or the Minister's duties under section 195.6, the Minister or a person acting on behalf of the Minister may,
- (a) enter any place, other than a place being used as a dwelling; and
- (b) construct structures and use machinery, structures, materials and equipment therein or thereon.

Municipality required to provide support or information

195.8 (1) If, pursuant to an order issued under section 195.5 or to section 195.6, the Minister is required to do anything described in those sections, the affected municipality shall

provide any support or information requested by the Minister to facilitate carrying out the order or the Minister's duties, including,

- (a) managing traffic, public transit or emergency services;
- (b) providing technical information, health and safety information, standards, public consultation information, planning and design documents, surveys or engineering and utility location drawings; and
- (c) providing information related to signs, markings, traffic control signal systems and lighting, including assistance with their removal or relocation.

Time period

(2) If the Minister requests support or information from a municipality under subsection (1), the municipality shall provide such support or information by the date and for the time period specified by the Minister.

Municipal by-laws

(3) If a bicycle lane is removed or reconfigured pursuant to an order issued under section 195.5 or to section 195.6, any municipal by-law or part of a municipal by-law passed by the council of a municipality designating that part of the highway as a bicycle lane is inoperative.

Reimbursement

195.9 (1) If the Minister requested support or information from a municipality under subsection 195.8 (1) and the municipality

provided such support or information by the date and for the time period specified by the Minister, the Minister may reimburse the municipality for the reasonable costs it incurred in doing so in accordance with this section.

No reimbursement or compensation

(2) For greater certainty, the Minister is not required to reimburse or compensate the municipality for any costs other than those described in subsection (1), including costs the municipality incurred to install the bicycle lanes.

Notice to municipality

(3) If the Minister requested support or information from a municipality under subsection 195.8 (1), the Minister shall, within 60 days after the request has been satisfied, give notice to the municipality stating that it may file a claim for reimbursement with the Ministry within six months after the date of the notice.

Particulars

(4) As part of claim described in subsection (3), the municipality shall provide the Minister with a true statement showing the particulars of the costs it reasonably incurred to carry out the request made under subsection 195.8 (1) by the date and for the time period specified by the Minister.

No reimbursement

(5) There is no obligation to reimburse the municipality for any costs if notice has been given under subsection (3) and a claim

for reimbursement is not made within six months after the date of the notice.

Determination

(6) The Minister shall review a claim for reimbursement and if the Minister determines that the costs were reasonably incurred by the municipality to carry out the request by the date and for the time period specified by the Minister, the Minister shall reimburse the municipality for those costs.

No cause of action against Crown, etc.

- 195.10 (1) No cause of action arises against the Crown, any current or former member of the Executive Council or any current or former employee, officer or agent of or advisor to the Crown as a direct or indirect result of,
- (a) the enactment, amendment or repeal of this Part;
- (b) the issuance, amendment or revocation of an approval under section 195.3 or the refusal to issue or amend such an approval;
- (c) the issuance of an order under section 195.5 or its amendment or revocation;
- (d) anything done under this Part including in relation to,
- (i) the removal of a bicycle lane or part of a lane and any related features or adjacent infrastructure,
- (ii) the restoration of a bicycle lane or part of a lane for use by motor vehicle traffic,

- (iii) the reconfiguration of a bicycle lane or part of a lane and any related features or adjacent infrastructure for use by motor vehicle traffic; or
- (e) the making, amendment or revocation of a regulation under section 195.18.

Proceedings barred

(2) No proceeding, including but not limited to any proceeding for a remedy in contract, restitution, unjust enrichment, tort, misfeasance, bad faith, trust or fiduciary obligation and any remedy under any statute, that is directly or indirectly based on or related to anything referred to in subsection (1), may be brought or maintained against the Crown or any person referred to in that subsection.

Application

(3) Subsection (2) applies to any action or other proceeding claiming any remedy or relief, including specific performance, injunction, declaratory relief, any form of compensation or damages or any other remedy or relief, and includes any arbitral, administrative or court proceedings, but does not apply to an application for judicial review.

Retrospective effect

(4) Subsections (2) and (3) apply regardless of whether the claim on which the proceeding is purportedly based arose before, on or after the day the Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024 received Royal Assent.

Proceedings set aside

(5) No costs shall be awarded against any person in respect of a proceeding referred to in subsection (2) or (3) that was commenced before the day the Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024 received Royal Assent.

Certain proceedings not prevented

(6) This section does not apply with respect to proceedings brought by the Crown against any person.

Proceedings barred, independent contractors

195.11 (1) Subject to subsection (4), no cause of action arises and no proceeding may be brought or maintained that is directly or indirectly based on or related to anything referred to in subsection (2) against any person referred to in that subsection, including but not limited to any proceeding for a remedy in contract, restitution, unjust enrichment, tort, misfeasance, bad faith, trust or fiduciary obligation and any remedy under any statute.

<u>Same</u>

(2) Subsection (1) applies in respect of an independent contractor and any current or former employee, director or officer of an independent contractor providing services to the Crown to assist with work done under sections 195.5 to 195.7.

Application

(3) Subject to subsection (4), subsection (2) applies to any action or other proceeding claiming any remedy or relief, including specific performance, injunction, declaratory relief, any form of compensation or damages or any other remedy or relief, and includes any arbitral, administrative or court proceedings, but does not apply to an application for judicial review.

Negligence

- (4) Subsection (1) does not apply to a claim of negligence in respect of an act or omission of an independent contractor in carrying out,
- (a) the removal of a bicycle lane or part of a lane and any related features or adjacent infrastructure;
- (b) the restoration of a bicycle lane or part of a lane for use by motor vehicle traffic; or
- (c) the reconfiguration of a bicycle lane or part of a lane and any related features or adjacent infrastructure for use by motor vehicle traffic.

Same

(5) For greater certainty, claims arising from collisions between motor vehicles, cyclists or pedestrians after the independent contractor carries out the things mentioned in subsection (4) are not claims of negligence described in that subsection.

Certain proceedings not prevented

(6) This section does not apply with respect to proceedings brought by the Crown against any person.

Protection from personal liability, independent contractors

195.12 (1) No cause of action arises and no proceeding may be brought or maintained against any current or former employee, director or officer of an independent contractor providing services to the Crown to assist with work done under sections 195.5 to 195.7 for any act done in good faith in the execution or intended execution of any duty or power under this Part or for any alleged neglect or default in the execution in good faith of such a duty or power.

Same

(2) Subsection (1) does not relieve an independent contractor providing services to the Crown to assist with work done under sections 195.5 to 195.7 of any liability to which it would otherwise be subject to in respect of an act or omission of a person mentioned in that subsection.

Protection from liability, municipalities

195.13 (1) No cause of action arises and no proceeding may be brought or maintained against a municipality, current or former employee of a municipality or member of council for any act done in good faith in the execution or intended execution of any duty under subsection 195.8 (1) or for any alleged neglect or default in the execution in good faith of such a duty.

Certain proceedings not prevented

(2) This section does not apply with respect to proceedings brought by the Crown against any person.

No reimbursement, compensation or damages

195.14 Except as otherwise provided under section 195.9 or subsection 195.11 (4) or 195.12 (2), no person is entitled to any reimbursement, compensation or damages for any loss related to any actions taken under this Part.

No expropriation or injurious affection

195.15 Nothing described in this Part or done pursuant to this Part constitutes an expropriation or injurious affection for the purposes of the Expropriations Act or otherwise at law.

s. 214

195.16 Section 214 does not apply to a contravention of this Part or of a regulation made under this Part.

Other Acts

Municipal Act, 2001 and City of Toronto Act, 2006

195.17 (1) The requirements of this Part apply despite sections 10 and 11 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and section 8 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006.

Environmental Assessment Act

(2) Any enterprise or activity or proposal, plan or program in respect of an enterprise or activity that is required by, done under or authorized under this Part is exempt from the Environmental Assessment Act.

Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993

(3) The requirements of Part II of the Environmental Bill of Rights Act, 1993 are deemed not to have applied with respect to the amendments made by Schedule 4 of the Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024 that added sections 195.4 to 195.18 of this Act.

Regulations

Minister regulations

- 195.18 (1) The Minister may make regulations,
- (a) prescribing municipalities for the purposes of subsections 195.3 (1) and 195.4 (1);
- (b) governing the information that may be required by the Minister under subsections 195.3 (1) and 195.4 (1);
- (c) exempting any highway or class of highway from section 195.3 or any provision of section 195.3, or providing that section 195.3 or any provision of it does not apply to any highway or class of highway.

Lieutenant Governor in Council regulations

- (2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,
- (a) governing the review of information respecting bicycle lanes under section 195.4 including prescribing factors applicable to the review;
- (b) exempting parts of bicycle lanes for the purposes of section 195.6;
- (c) modifying the requirement to remove bicycle lanes described in section 195.6, including requiring the Minister to reconfigure a bicycle lane or part of a lane and any related features or adjacent infrastructure for use by motor vehicle traffic;
- (d) providing for anything necessary or advisable for carrying out the intent and purposes of this Part.

Repeal

5 Section 3 of Schedule 2 to the Get It Done Act, 2024 is repealed.

Commencement

- 6 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this Schedule comes into force on the day the Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024 receives Royal Assent.
- (2) Sections 1 to 4 come into force on a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor.

Commencement

- 6 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this Schedule comes into force on the day the Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024 receives Royal Assent.
- (2) Sections 1 and 2 come into force on a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor.

