

Date: November 5, 2019
To: M. Won J. Holmes
From: S. Pacheco

The following recommendation of the Committee of Council Meeting of October 16, 2019 was approved by Council on October 23, 2019:

CW428-2019 Whereas:

The 2040 Vision envisions Brampton as a place where safe, sustainable and integrated alternative travel choices to the private vehicle are available and states that a rethink of street design is at the top of the list for improving Brampton; and

The transportation priorities outlined in the 2040 Vision are: first walking, then cycling, transit, goods movement, and then shared vehicles and private vehicles; and

The sections of Williams Parkway – an east-west minor arterial road with a right-of-way width of 36 meters – between McLaughlin Road and Humberwest Parkway were identified for widening to 6 lanes in the City's 2004 and subsequent Transportation Master Plans, to provide additional vehicular capacity in response to projected population and employment growth; and

The proposed widening to six lanes was revisited in 2018 using updated demographic and traffic forecasts and applying a multimodal analysis approach, and recommended six lane widening with dedicated High-occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/transit lanes plus continuous dedicated active transportation facilities on both sides; and

A noise wall is currently being installed along Williams Parkway as is City practice prior to widening the road to 6 lanes; and

Current research and evidence from other jurisdictions around the world demonstrate that investing in road expansions for vehicles does not solve congestion, and instead exacerbates the condition by attracting more traffic; and

The Active Transportation Master Plan was endorsed by this Council and is supported by examples of best practises around the world, where active, non-vehicular travel modes are part of a comprehensive mobility network that facilitates the efficient and effective movement of people in cities; and

The largest source of greenhouse gas emissions from human activities is from transportation and this Council unanimously passed a motion related to declaring a climate emergency and to achieving a climate change target of an 80 per cent Green House Gas reduction by 2050; and

Council has voted in favour of adopting the Region of Peel's "Vision Zero" framework; and

Residents across the city have been very vocal in regard to traffic calming needs;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. Staff review the recommendations to widen sections of Williams Parkway from 4 to 6 lanes, and report back to Council in Q2 2020;
2. Staff review include a council workshop to solicit comments on options and opportunities for managing traffic congestion due to growth and for increasing and maximizing people-moving capacity in the Williams Parkway corridor, through travel demand management opportunities, improvements to active transportation (walking, cycling) and transit infrastructure and services, and operational interventions and improvements, in particular at intersections. The review should consider:
 - Impacts on the use of Development Charge funding
 - Consideration of current strategic documents (Growth Plan, Official Plan, Transportation Master Plan, impact on existing Environmental Assessments...)
 - Impacts on surrounding local streets for traffic
 - Impact on the Regional road network and goods movement
 - Green House Gas considerations
 - Work that is done in partnership with the Region, utilities...
 - A review of the current 6 lane road widening projects that are underway and 'meantime' strategies (current EA's, land protection, utility relocation, design progression)
 - Strategy for a robust communication plan

M. Won, Acting Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering, is requested to carry out the direction in the recommendation above. Item **RM 121/2019** was created in Agenda.Net for the report requested. Please update this item as required.



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