

Integrated Mobility Program

Q2/2019 Newsletter - July 2019



SPRING HIGHLIGHTS (April - June)



LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION

- Completed Bedford Hwy Functional Plan, first 'Strategic Corridor' Plan since IMP adoption (A121)



COMPLETE STREETS

- Council approved Spring Garden Road Functional Plan (see 'featured project') (A43)



TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT (TDM)

- Successfully hosted Bike Week 2019 - almost 50 events throughout the municipality (A60)
- Increased the total SmartTrip program partners to 17 (A64)
- Hired a TDM Intern



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- Built 4 kms of new sidewalks throughout municipality (A69)
- Received consultant's report on pedestrian wayfinding options & opportunities. Approved a signage plan for a branded cycling wayfinding system (A75)
- Completed functional plan for Dutch Village Road sidewalk & bike lanes (A69)
- Approved Bikeway Projects: i) Downtown bikeways (Hollis St., Lower Water St., Terminal Rd., George St.) (A72) ii) Tender awarded for construction of South Park St. bike lanes (Inglis St to Spring Garden Rd) (A72); iii) Detailed design ongoing for Wyse Road and Hollis Street bikeways (A72)



TRANSIT

- Continued video production & work on the "how to transit" guide - multiple language translation (A55)
- Continued exploring options to reduce or eliminate transit's youth fare (A57)
- Onboarded a marketing and communications consultant to assist with the promotion of the November 25/19 service adjustments as outlined in the Annual Transit Service Plan (A59)
- Presented Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) study to Transportation Standing Committee (A96)
- Presented Robie/Young Transit Priority Corridor Functional Design to Transportation Standing Committee. Report to Regional Council in summer 2019 (A90 & A91)
- Directed by Regional Council to not pursue commuter rail service further pending research into other higher order transit solutions, eg. BRT & ferry (A96-100)

Halifax Transit increased ridership by 4.8% over 2018/19 year (A95)



GOODS MOVEMENT

- Collaborated with Port of Halifax and provincial/federal governments to increase goods movement capacity by rail btw Fairview & South End Container Terminals. Potential to reduce up to 75% of port-related truck traffic in downtown Halifax. (A110)



PARKING

- Hosted a series of accessible parking engagement sessions with the disability community. Presented findings to the Accessibility Advisory Committee (A137)
- Awarded the parking technology contract to CALE systems. This new permit management system will replace municipal parking meters with a pay by plate system (A134 & 135)
- Completed a jurisdictional scan for using *back in angle parking* to increase on-street parking supply & established eligibility criteria (A136 & 137)



ROAD NETWORK

- Completed safety reviews at Beaver Bank Connector/Old Sackville Rd & Hwy 118/Micmac Blvd intersections. Issued Request for Proposal for safety reviews at several intersections with demonstrated collision history (A4)
- Collaborated with Port of Halifax & provincial/federal governments to reconfigure Windsor Street Exchange (A122)

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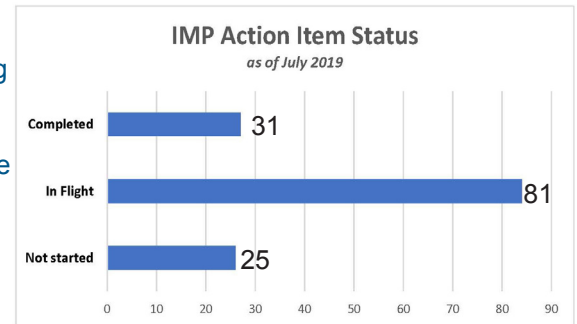
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The Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP), adopted by HRM Regional Council in December 2017, is a priorities plan that informs the municipality's approach to mobility and land use planning. HRM is in the midst of implementing the IMP's 137 actions. This newsletter provides a quarterly update on implementation progress for key actions (action numbers are identified),

SUMMER 2019 GOALS:

- Implementation of crosswalk improvements: advanced yield to pedestrian at crosswalks with overhead flashing beacons; reflective strips on posts at standard marked crosswalks; rectangular rapid flashing beacons at four locations; three new crosswalks with overhead & side mounted flashing beacons (A6)
- Launch the free RideShark app that allows commuters to find sustainable travel options throughout the municipality (A56)
- Explore enhancements to SmartTrip program marketing in advance of Cogswell redevelopment (A64)
- Start installation of first five segments of branded wayfinding system (Sackville Greenway, Chain of Lakes Greenway, Mainland North Trail & intersection of Allan, Windsor & Quingate) (A75)
- Implementation of parking technology project, on street installation expected by Spring 2020 (A134)
- Compile findings of recent studies and projects to develop a framework for higher order transit options (A96 - 100)
- Construct additional Transit Priority Measures including Barrington Street bus lane-Devonshire Ave to North St (A90 & 92)
- Open Porters Lake/ Exit 20 AT connector, new multi-use pathways on Forest Hills Parkway & Bissett Greenway Phase III (A7)
- Hire a Transportation Demand Management Coordinator



Of the 137 actions in the IMP, 31 actions have been completed, 81 actions are in flight & 25 actions have not been started.

FEATURED PROJECTS:

Centre Plan

A revised Centre Plan Package A was released on April 5/19. As part of the adoption path, the Plan was reviewed by the Community Design Advisory Committee (CDAC), a number of other advisory and standing committees of Council, and Community Councils. On June 18, 2019 the Committee of the Whole provided staff with direction on the final changes for the preparation of planning documents. First reading is anticipated to take place this summer, public hearing in September, and provincial approval before the end of the year. Achieving the settlement goals of the Centre Plan is fundamental to the success of the Integrated Mobility Plan. (A16)



Visit centreplan.ca for updates and more information.



Imagine Spring Garden Road

Working together to develop a shared vision for a great street in Halifax, Regional Council approved the Spring Garden Road Functional Design Report on April 16, 2019. This report included two recommendations which can be found at: www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/spring-garden-road-enhancements



Consultants are currently exploring schematic design options for how the improved pedestrian realm will look and feel. Public engagement for two options took place in June. The 'pocket park' option features intense greenery and rain gardens while the 'paver promenade' proposes a more flexible hardscape approach. Both include significant tree planting, underground wires, and a focus on pedestrians & transit by widening the sidewalks and narrowing the roadway between South Park and Queen Streets. (A43)

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