

Integrated Mobility Program

Q3/2019 Newsletter - October 2019



SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS (July - September)



LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION

- Centre Plan "Package A" approved by Regional Council (A16)



COMPLETE STREETS

- Finalized schematic design (complete with video and virtual reality rendering) for Spring Garden Road enhancements (A43)
- Surveyed citizens on Argyle Street and found 91% of respondents felt Argyle & Grafton streetscaping was a success (A43)
- Opened Barrington Complete Streets project (multi-use path and bus lane from North Street to Devonshire Avenue) (A72 & A90)
- Installed temporary 'bump-outs' at Agricola & Charles Streets and Ochterloney & Wentworth Streets to improve pedestrian safety by reducing the pedestrian crossing distance (A7)
- Tender awarded for Herring Cove Road Complete Streets project (new sidewalk, bike lanes, new curb & gutter and stormwater management system) (A69)
- Finishing up construction of phase one of the Forest Hills Parkway multi-use pathway (A38)
- Traffic calmed 13 streets (15.7 kms) (A38)



TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT (TDM)

- Completed educational campaign materials for Barrington and South Park Streets active transportation facilities (A78)
- Hired municipal TDM Coordinator (A56, A61, A64, A68)



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- Completed phase I of the South Park Street bike lane, Bissett Greenway phase III, and Porter's Lake connector (A72 & A79)
- Completed 12 sidewalk construction projects (A7)
- Announcement of \$25 million from three orders of Government to fund the all ages and abilities (AAA) regional centre bicycle network (A72)
- Completed on-street public engagement for Lyle-Shore bikeway (A72)

On September 30, 2019, a new pilot program began which allows youth aged 12 & under to ride all Halifax Transit services for free! (A57)



TRANSIT

- Regional Council approved the functional design for the Robie Street / Young Street Transit Priority Corridor (A90 & A91)
- Began development of the Higher Order Transit Strategy to support and guide future actions related to significant transit investments. The strategy will consider the Transit Priority Corridors identified in the IMP and the findings of the initial Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Study. It will also consider appropriate land use intensification around existing or proposed terminal areas (A97, A99, A101, A102)



PARKING

- Finalized contract for new parking technology (A134)



ROAD NETWORK

- Installed new signal controllers and communications equipment in 54 intersections and incorporated those intersections into the advanced signal control system (A125)



FOUNDATIONAL POLICIES

- Tendered - five new crosswalks, three with overhead & side-mounted flashing beacons and two with rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) (A6)
- Installed reflective strips on posts at 65 marked crosswalks (A6)



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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) identifies upcoming priorities, and highlights some recent feature projects.

FALL 2019 GOALS:

- Communicate significant transit service changes in November as part of the Moving Forward Together Plan implementation (A95)
- Work with the Public Health Authority on a car pool strategy (A56, A63)
- Public engagement for complete streets (pedestrian, bicycle and district identity) in the "institutional district" - University Avenue, Morris Street and Robie Street area (A72)
- Develop design guidelines and standards for accessible parking spaces in the right of way (A137)
- Begin detailed design for Robie Street & Young Street transit priority (A90 & A91)
- Issue a Request for Proposals for a data collection strategy (A9)
- Support repainting of intersection mural at Charles and Creighton Streets following recent pavement patching (A47)
- Internally, with municipal employees, launch the free RideShark app that allows commuters to find sustainable travel options throughout the municipality (A56)
- Implement second phase of Barrington Street Transit Priority Corridor in conjunction with the Cogswell Redevelopment project (A93)
- Recommend revisions to By-law P1200 (On-Street Parking Permits By-law) and P500 (Parking Meter By-law) including simplified application processes, modifications to the residential permit zones & the introduction of student permits (A134)
- Recommend changes to on-street parking rates in the downtown core (A132 & A133)
- Continue installation of communications and controller equipment to increase the number of signalized intersections incorporated into the signal control system (A125)
- Finalize safety audits at top ten collision frequency intersections to identify required upgrades (A4)

IMP Action Item Status

as of September 2019



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:

South Park Protected Bicycle Lanes

The South Park Street bicycle lanes have been upgraded and extended to create an all ages and abilities (AAA) cycling connection between Spring Garden Road and Inglis Street. The project features bicycle lanes on each side of the street, with a wide buffer and concrete curb to separate bicycle traffic from parked cars and vehicles. This route will eventually connect to other planned bicycle corridors, including a new facility on University Avenue/Morris Street and enhanced bicycle lanes on Bell Road.

Barrington Complete Streets

This project connects the existing Barrington Street Greenway to the Devonshire Avenue bicycle lanes and fills an important gap in the AAA Regional Centre Bicycle Network. Built in conjunction with a DND construction project to repair a large retaining wall, this project included sidewalk upgrades on the west side of the street and added transit priority measures for buses travelling southbound on Barrington Street. (A90)



South Park Street



Barrington Street