

Request for TSC Consideration		
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Date of Meeting: December 12 2019		
Subject: Rural Pedestrian Realm program		
Motion for the Committee to Consider: <i>The Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report regarding potential to establish a program to improve pedestrian safety in HRM's rural communities. This report shall discuss how actions A71, A81 and A82 within the Integrated Mobility Plan, related to active transportation are being implemented. Specifically, the report should focus on areas of concentrated pedestrian activity, including consideration of services in historically underservice areas, and address how immediate responses to resident concerns can be addressed through tactics including but not limited to paved shoulders, sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian islands of refuge, and greenways. The report should also include recommendations on opportunities to present a submission to the Provincial and Federal governments for appropriate funding programs.</i>		
Reason: Recent presentations at Budget and Transportation Standing Committees included calls for increased focused and budget to address concerns regarding rural pedestrian concerns, mostly in our rural growth centres. Specifically, communities in East Preston, Lucasville, and Musquodobit Harbour have presented their concerns this last year though other communities have raised concerns that should be considered. Public Transit Infrastructure Funding (PTIF), Green and other federal and provincial programs can be used for active transportation projects. Rural MPs and MLAs have expressed interest in supporting rural investment where possible. HRM's policy supports considering creating a program for the rural pedestrian realm – specifically:		
Making Connections the 2014-2019 Active Transportation Priorities Plan Recommendation #5: Halifax needs to develop a comprehensive approach to the delivery of rural active transportation facilities, including criteria for determining the most appropriate AT facility type, and consideration of the financial implications (capital and operating) of doing so An output of the plan should be to “develop a rural pedestrian program to address key gaps, particularly in designated growth areas”		
Integrated Mobility Plan 2019		

Action 71: Update the criteria for selecting new AT projects to better response to equity considerations, demand, future development, coverage, and other factors.

Action 82: Establish a rural pedestrian program, including: a financing mechanism which recognizes that rural pedestrian safety is affected by regional traffic; criteria to prioritize development in village centres, hamlets, or other rural areas of concentrated pedestrian activity; and opportunities for cost sharing with other orders of government.

Outcome Sought:

A report identifying costs and opportunities related to creating a rural pedestrian realm program to advance existing policy goals and takes advantage of current funding opportunities.

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