

Integrated Mobility Program

Q4/2019 Newsletter - January 2020



FALL HIGHLIGHTS (October - December)

LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION



- Approved Centre Plan "Package A" now encouraging growth in the regional centre where services, including transportation, already exist (A16)
- Began reviewing opportunities for redevelopment around proposed Transit Priority Corridors and existing & planned transit services to support transit-oriented communities (A17)

COMPLETE STREETS



- Reviewed planned 2020 street rehabilitation projects for consideration of incorporating complete street features into street design (A36)
- Completed preliminary design to guide future development and street improvements on the Bedford Highway and Herring Cove Road (A33)

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT (TDM)



- Surveyed over 3000 people regarding how they travel through the region and what might encourage them to choose sustainable modes of transportation more frequently (A8)

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION



- Received Regional Council approval in the advanced capital budget for new sidewalks, multi-use pathways and enhanced pedestrian crossings (A7)
- Awarded construction tender for Hollis Street (Cogswell to Terminal Road) protected bicycle lane (A72)
- Initiated Peninsula South Complete Streets project and phase 1 public engagement completed (A72)
- Installed two new rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) crosswalks (Thomas Raddall Dr. in Halifax and Highway 2 at Coach Ave. in Fall River) and reflective strips at many more crosswalks throughout the municipality (A6)
- Set up a standing offer contract that will allow for improved efficiency and reduced cost for purchasing RRFB equipment at crosswalks (A6)

TRANSIT



- Progressed on the Higher Order Transit Strategy. Stakeholder and public engagement winter 2020 (A97/99/101/102)
- Initiated technical feasibility assessment for expansion of harbour ferry service as part of the Higher Order Transit Strategy (A99/101)

Opened Barrington St. transit priority lane from Glebe St. to Devonshire Ave. (A90) & multi-use pathway extension (A72)



PARKING



- Launched open data of accessible parking spaces (A137)
- Updated P1200 - included changes to the zones for commuter permits and a price increase for commuter & residential permits (A129)
- Amended P500 the parking meter and pay station By-law. Paid parking rates to increase by \$.50 for the first two hours and by \$4 for hours 3 and 4. In Halifax, on street parking will now cost \$16 per day making on street parking more comparable with off-street options (A132/133)

ROAD NETWORK



- Installed new signal controllers and communications equipment at 31 intersections, bringing total to 164 out of 271 signalized intersections into the advanced signal control system (A125)
- Engaged consultant to review best practices for allowing buses to operate on highway shoulders during congested traffic conditions (A120)

INTEGRATED PLANNING



- As part of the Municipal Service Guideline (Red Book) updates, work has begun on aligning the municipal street classification system with the IMP and current best industry practices (A1)
- Initiated collaboration with Operation Lifesaver to develop program to raise awareness of motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists about railway hazards (A5)

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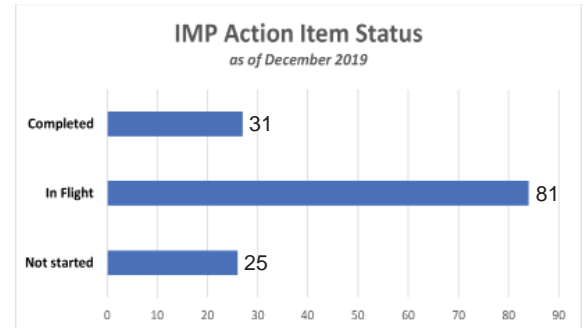


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The *Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP)*, adopted by HRM Regional Council in December 2017, is a priorities plan that informs the municipality's approach to mobility and land use planning. HRM is in the midst of implementing the IMP's 137 actions. This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

WINTER 2020 GOALS:

- Create implementation list of crosswalks suitable for upgrade to RRFB (A6)
- Prioritize implementation of improvements recommended from the safety review conducted for the ten municipal intersections with the highest collision frequency (A4)
- Continue design work for transit priority corridors: Bayers Road (Romans to Connaught); Young Street (Windsor to Robie); and Robie Street (Young to Quinpool) Construction anticipated to start in 2020 (A91)
- Continue detailed design of Spring Garden Streetscaping (A43)
- Forward Regional Plan Review package to Regional Council for initiation. The Plan Review will incorporate recommendations of the *Integrated Mobility Plan* and formalize many of them as land use policy (A16/17)
- Review cleaning/snow clearing options for bicycle routes (A77)



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:

Moving Forward Together Plan (MFTP)

On November 25, 2019, Halifax Transit implemented the fourth and largest round of service changes, to date, under the MFTP. At this time 19 new routes were added, bringing the MFTP network implementation total to 51%. Service change highlights included increased service times and four new express routes for many areas in Sackville. The new express routes travel more frequently during peak times than the route they replaced. Connection between Sackville and downtown Halifax was improved with the Route 84 Glendale now providing service seven days a week. New service to the growing communities of Governor's Brook and West Bedford was also part of the extensive service changes.

Forest Hills Parkway-Complete Streets Project

Phase 1 of enhancements to the Forest Hills Parkway and Cumberland Dr. finished up in late fall 2019. Improvements were made to safety, accessibility and trips times for walking, bicycling and transit service. The former asphalt sidewalk has become a multi-use pathway for walking, rolling and cycling that is now separated from vehicular traffic. Transit improvements included accessible bus stops, new lay-bys and transit priority measures. These enhancements give residents eco-friendly options, using transit and/or active transportation, when visiting commercial and recreational facilities in their neighbourhood. (Main Street to Chameau Crescent)

Work on Phase 2, from Chameau Crescent to Cole Harbour Road and then on Cumberland Drive to Colby Drive will begin in 2020. At that time, new traffic signals will be installed at Chameau/Flying Cloud. There will also be safety improvements made to the crossings at Cole Harbour Road for pedestrians and people on bicycles. This project applies a complete streets approach to create safer and more accessible environments for all road users, with an emphasis on active transportation and transit - an important goal of the *Integrated Mobility Plan*.

Future enhancements will include improved connectivity with the adjacent Trans Canada Trail system on the Cole Harbour Commons through to the Bissett Greenway.



New Express Route 186



Forest Hills Parkway