

September 21, 2023

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**Staff Update -
Active Transportation Advisory
Committee
September 21**

2024 Construction Update 1

New Sidewalks	
Cain St	under construction
Joffre St	built
Flamingo Dr	built
Main Ave	built
St. Margaret's Bay Rd (Brentwood to Grocery Store)	delayed until 2024
Otago Dr	built
Ilisley Ave	delayed to 2024
Ronald Smith Ave	tendered - construction could be delayed
New Multi-Use Pathways / Greenways / Connections	
East Preston Greenway	construction initiated. Most construction in 2024
Forest Hills Trail Recapitalization	construction initiated
Sackville Greenway Retaining Wall Drainage Repairs	construction underway or soon
Sackville Greenway Accessible Trailhead	construction underway or soon

2024 Construction Update 2

Active Transportation General Projects	Status/examples
AT Amenities (e.g., Wayfinding, Bike Parking)	new batch of wayfinding signage being designed;
AT Education and Promotion	contract with EAC and bike Map
AT Planning, Design, Monitoring and Studies	e.g. New eco-counters
AT Project Management	needed for East preston
Land Acquisition	Several locations pending
Bikeway Tactical - Devonshire, Liverpool, North End and Bell Road	Mostly complete

Regional Centre Bikeway/MUPs	Status
Dartmouth Harbourfront Greenway (Parker to Old Ferry)	Moved to 2024 due to property
	Moved to 2024 due to development encroachment/additional design work
Almon St (Windsor to Gottingen)	
North End Local Street Bikeway	Ready for tender, but may be moved to 2024
Oak Street Local Street Bikeway	

2024 Construction – Community Group projects

New Community Association Grants AT Projects
Atlantic View Trail Association - Trail Reinstatement (Causeway Road to Civic #5145 Highway 207)
Atlantic View Trail Association - Install Amenities (Six Benches - Various Locations)
Cole Harbour Parks and Trail Association - Salt Marsh Trail Causeway Erosion Control
Marine Riders Trail Association - Blueberry Run Phase 1 Construction
Marine Riders Trail Association - Blueberry Run Phase 2 of Engineering Re-design and Tendering Package
SATA Trails Society - Gaetz Brook Greenway, Safety Fence and Rock Barriers
SATA Trails Society - Gaetz Brook Greenway, Vault Toilet Installation
SATA Trails Society - Gaetz Brook Greenway, Bridge Inspection
SATA Trails Society - Gaetz Brook Greenway, Ditching/Drainage Reinstatement
Sackville Rivers Association - Bedford-Sackville Greenway Picnic Table Installation
Sackville Rivers Association - Fort Sackville Walkway, Installation of Three Benches
Sackville Rivers Association - Fort Sackville Walkway, Refurbish Two Display Boxes
Second Lake Park and Trails Association - Great Beech Hill Trail Construction Phase 4B, 4D and Cobequid Road Access
Active Transportation Emergency and Education Promotion Grants

HRM involvement in Provincial AT Strategy and OHVs – response to ATAC member question

- HRM attended consultations and filled out survey.
- HRM Council has not taken a position on OHVs on provincial trails/MUPs. HRM does not allow motorized on municipal multi-use pathways.

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Some AT priorities this fall

- Rural Community sidewalk area rate engagement in five communities
- Bikeway/AT project public engagement (mostly Dartmouth projects and perhaps another round on Peninsula South)
- AT Capital Grant submission
- 2024 Capital Budget development
- New Sidewalk Level of Service report
- Results of Value Engineering and Council update on Macdonald Bridge Bikeway Connection – Halifax
- Highway 101 crossing plan complete and Council Report

Active AT Planning Projects

- Peninsula South Complete Streets
- Mid-town Bikeways
- Slaytor Street
- Wyse-Alderney Landing
- Windsor AAA bikeway Quick-build
- North-End Complete Streets
- Africville AT Connections
- Woodside-Shearwater
- Cherry Brook
- Grahams Grove and Dartmouth East

2023 Challenges (so far)

- Reduced person power
 - AT Group renewal
 - Chronic inability to fill positions in Survey, Design, Construction
 - Consultants extremely busy
- Wildfires and flooding – Design, Construction and other staff pulled away from capital program. Construction industry focus on repair.
- The usual: land acquisition; project complexity; construction encroachments.

2023 Positives

- \$3M annual budget increase for new sidewalk program
- AT staff renewal
- Penhorn Greenway completion
- East Preston Area Rate approval
- Most bikeway/road safety quick build/tactical projects complete