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Item No. 15.3.1
Halifax Regional Council
September 10, 2024

TO: Mayor Savage Members of Halifax Regional Council

FROM: Councillor Pam Lovelace, Chair, Transportation Standing Committee

DATE: August 29, 2024

SUBJECT: Implementation of Peninsula South Complete Streets: University Avenue and West and East Connections

ORIGIN

August 29, 2024 meeting of Transportation Standing Committee, Item 13.1.1.

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation Standing Committee recommends that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Approve the installation of bicycle facilities and related changes on University Avenue from LeMarchant Street to South Park Street as described in the Discussion section of the staff report dated July 29, 2024.
2. Subject to the approval of Recommendation 1 above, approve the use of the Peninsula South Streetscape Design Guidelines as a guide for the implementation of the public realm improvements along University Avenue.
3. Approve the installation of bicycle facilities and related changes on Morris Street from South Park Street to Lower Water Street, including conversion of Morris Street to one-way eastbound for motor vehicle traffic, as described in the Discussion section.
4. Approve the installation of bicycle facilities and other related changes to Seymour Street (University Avenue to South Street), South Street (Seymour Street to Cartaret Street), Cartaret Street, and Oakland Road (Robie Street to Beaufort Avenue) as described in the Discussion section.
5. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare a staff report regarding potential for including the full South Street Two-way Raised Bikeway (Concept 3A) as a part of the Halifax Urban Greenway project when planning the construction of the Oxford Street facility connecting the Beaufort and Coburg MUPS.

BACKGROUND

Transportation Standing Committee received a staff recommendation report dated July 29, 2024 to consider an east-west “All Ages and Abilities” (AAA) set of cycling facilities in the south end of the Halifax peninsula and related changes, and the use of the Peninsula South Streetscape Design Guidelines to change Morris Street, University Avenue, and segments of South Street, Cartaret Street and Oakland Road.

For further information refer to the attached staff report dated July 29, 2024.

DISCUSSION

Transportation Standing Committee considered the staff report dated July 29, 2024 and approved the staff recommendation with an amendment to request a staff report on the potential for including the full South Street Two-way Raised Bikeway (Concept 3A) as a part of the Halifax Urban Greenway project when planning the construction of the Oxford Street facility connecting the Beaufort and Coburg MUPS, as outlined in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications are outlined in the attached staff report dated July 29, 2024.

RISK CONSIDERATION

Risk consideration is outlined in the attached staff report dated July 29, 2024.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Meetings of the Transportation Standing Committee are open to public attendance and members of the public are invited to address the Standing Committee for up to five (5) minutes during the Public Participation portion of the meeting. Meetings are live webcast on Halifax.ca. The agenda, reports, video, and minutes of the Standing Committee are posted on Halifax.ca.

For further information on Community Engagement refer to the attached staff report dated July 29, 2024.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Environmental implications are outlined in the staff report dated July 29, 2024.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives are outlined in the attached staff report dated July 29, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Legislative Authority is outlined in the attached staff report dated July 29, 2024.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Staff recommendation report dated July 29, 2024.

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