

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT
Regional Planning Services Department

Staff Report to the Regional Planning Committee
Meeting of Wednesday, March 19, 2003

SUBJECT:

Regional Transportation Strategy (RTS) Project Update – Working Papers 2 and 3.

BACKGROUND:

The work plan for the development of a Regional TravelChoices Strategy was outlined to Regional Planning Committee at its January 2003 meeting. The deliverables for this work plan include:

1. -a series of working papers on key elements of a transportation strategy,
2. a long-term TravelChoices Strategy, and
3. a short-term implementation strategy.

The working papers attempt to bring to light potential goals, and direction for mode choices, supporting infrastructure, operating and capital costs and administration of the strategy. Key parts of the working papers will then form the foundation for the overall TravelChoices Strategy. The consolidated strategy will need to balance competing elements. Based on the recommended TravelChoices Strategy, the final report will contain recommended implementation priorities.

This report provides an update on the work to date on the TravelChoices Strategy. A presentation will be made at the committee meeting by the project consultant who will request input on the draft working papers.

DISCUSSION:

As of December 2002, the project management team had completed and circulated the following ~~three~~ working papers:

1. “Goals and Objectives for the TravelChoices Strategy” – working paper #1,
2. “Commercial Vehicle Strategy” – working paper #2, and
3. “Bicycle Strategy” – working paper #3.

Working papers 2 and 3 were originally planned to be on the RPC agenda for February. Other agenda items resulted in delaying a presentation to this committee until its March meeting.

Status of the Work Plan

The status of the deliverables related to the TravelChoices work plan is as follows:

Scheduled Working Papers	Progress (% complete)
Long-term Strategy	
- Start-up & Issues (working paper 1)	100%
- Goals, Objectives & Challenges (working paper 1)	100%
- Commercial Vehicle Strategy (working paper 2)	100%
- Bicycle Strategy (working paper 3)	100%
- Transit Strategy	75%
- Road Network Strategy	75%
- Increasing Travel Choices Strategy	10 50%
- <u>Land Use – Transportation Strategy</u>	<u>50%</u>
- Funding & Administration Strategy	10%
- Consolidated TravelChoices Strategy	0%

~~LARRY. MIKE ASKED THAT THE PEDESTRIAN PIECE BE PLACED INTO THE
CONTEXT OF LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION~~

The next ~~two~~ four draft working papers on transit, road networks, land use-transportation and increasing travel choices ~~“Transit and Road Network” strategies~~ are planned to be submitted to the April 2003 Regional Planning Committee meeting.

Feedback to the Working Papers

The project management team is working with the Inter-Municipal Planning Advisory Committee (IMPAC), the community-based stakeholder committee and a municipal working group comprised of planners and engineers in the preparation of these working papers. The Regional Cycling Committee has also contributed to the review of the draft cycling strategy. Once each report has cleared the committee review process and is released for review by RPC it is also circulated to all municipal councils as information.

Each committee has contributed valuable information to these reports. To date there ~~has~~ have been no formal responses from ~~the~~ municipal councils on these reports.

The Regional Cycling Committee has raised a number of concerns with the draft cycling strategy that have been forward to the project management team. These issues will be addressed in the completion of the Transportation Strategy. The primary issues relate to the standards for regional cycling routes, priorities for improvement and the potential ~~market which~~ market, which may ~~be attracted to~~ attract cyclists.

Subsequent to the presentation of the roads, transit and land-use working papers, a working paper with respect to the necessary funding and administration efforts necessary to achieve the goals of the strategy will be prepared for discussion.

The primary components of all working papers and the direction resulting from CRD and municipal consideration of these documents will then be summarized in an overall TravelChoices Strategy document.

~~LARRY. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE DETAILS OF THE COMMENTS ARE TOO SPECIFIC FOR A REPORT TO RPC. IN ALL CASES, WE ARE GOING TO BE ADDRESSING ISSUES FROM A RANGE OF GROUPS ON THE ENTIRE STRATEGY. THIS APPROACH KIND OF ISOLATES ONE GROUP AS HAVING MORE INPUT. YOUR CALL.~~ cover many topics. The key issues relate to the:

- ~~preferred standard for upgrading major cycling routes;~~
- ~~potential market and promotion of cycling;~~
- ~~analysis and recommendation of the priority routes;~~
- ~~relationship to other strategies; and~~
- ~~recommendations submitted by the sub-committee in March 2002 and not included in the draft strategy.~~

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Regional Planning Committee review the attached reports and provide guidance to the project management team regarding their content.

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

W.M. Jordan, Executive Director

Attachments

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