



Land Planning and Transportation Committee

Council Chamber
9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray

Tuesday, May 16, 2017
4:00 p.m.

Agenda

Call to Order

Adoption of Agenda

Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. Minutes of Land Planning and Transportation Committee - April 18, 2017

New and Unfinished Business

2. Bus Bay Turn-outs and Transit Shelters on Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way

Adjournment

Unapproved Minutes of a Meeting of the Land Planning and Transportation Committee held in the Council Chamber at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Tuesday, April, 18, 2017, commencing at 4:00 p.m.

Present: T. Ault, Chair
J. Stroud, Councillor
C. Tatum, Councillor

Administration: A. Antoniak, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
A. Rogers, Chief Legislative Officer
R. Marshall, Legislative Officer

Call to Order

Chair T. Ault called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes from Previous Meeting

1. **Minutes from Land Planning and Transportation Committee Meeting – February 21, 2017**

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that the Minutes from the Land Planning and Transportation Committee meeting held on February 21, 2017 be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Presentations

2. **Wing Choy, Infrastructure/Operations Manager, Government of Alberta re: Highway 63 Speed Review through Fort McMurray**
(4:04 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Arrival

Councillor C. Tatum entered the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Wing Choy, Infrastructure/Operations Manager, Government of Alberta, and Paul Steel, Tetra Tech, provided an overview of the study recommendations gathered relative to the speed limits on Highway 63 through Fort McMurray.

3. **Wing Choy, Infrastructure/Operations Manager, Government of Alberta re: Highway 63 Functional Planning Study**
(4:30 p.m. – 5:01 p.m.)

Wing Choy, Infrastructure/Operations Manager, Government of Alberta, and Paul Steel, Tetra Tech, provided a presentation as to additional lane corridor options and future interchange locations relative to Highway 63, from North of Highway 881 to South of the Athabasca River Bridge.

New and Unfinished Business

4. Bylaw No. 17/005 – Undeveloped Government Road Allowance Closure within the Parsons Creek Aggregates Project Area

(5:01 p.m. – 5:02 p.m.)

Michael Ircandia, Land Management Specialist, Land Administration, spoke to the proposed undeveloped government road allowance closure bylaw.

Moved by Councillor J. Stroud that proposed Bylaw No.17/005, to close undeveloped government road allowance within the Parsons Creek Aggregates project area be recommended to Council for approval of first reading and scheduling of the required public hearing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Prairie Loop Boulevard Construction Plan Update

With unanimous consent of the Committee members, it was agreed that with respect to Item No. 5, “Prairie Loop Boulevard Construction Plan”, Administration will provide a written update to Council on the progress of the project.

Adjournment

As all scheduled business matters had been concluded, Chair T. Ault declared the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Chair

Chief Legislative Officer



LAND PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting Date: May 16, 2017

Subject: Bus Bay Turn-outs and Transit Shelters on Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way

APPROVALS:

Robert Billard, Director
Annette Antoniak, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Administrative Recommendations:

THAT the following be recommended to Council for approval:

1. THAT the 2017 Capital Budget be amended as outlined in Attachment 1 (Capital Budget Amendment Bus Bay Turnout & Transit Shelter – Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way – Pre-design) dated April 24, 2017.
2. THAT the 2017 Capital Budget be amended as outlined in Attachment 2 (Capital Budget Amendment Bus Bay Turnout & Transit Shelter – Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way –Design) dated April 24, 2017.
3. THAT the 2017 Capital Budget be amended as outlined in Attachment 3 (Capital Budget Amendment Bus Bay Turnout & Transit Shelter – Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way – Construction) dated April 24, 2017.

Summary:

The change of scope for this project is to have 2 bus bay turn-outs for multiple buses as major transfer points, instead of the original project that was to construct 28 separate stops with heated shelters spaced along Confederation Way and Thickwood Boulevard. With the scope change, the Confederation Way turn-out would have secure washroom facilities for operators, three heated shelters for patrons, and 6 -7 bus bay turn-outs. A second area by the Casman Centre, would have 5 bus bay turn-outs and 2 heated shelters for transferring patrons, and washrooms for operators.

This capital project request was presented to Council during Capital Budget Delegations at the December 2, 2016 Special Council meeting and the following motion was made and carried unanimously:

“Moved by Mayor M. Blake that a Transit Bus Shelter Improvement Project, to include shelter decorations, the completion of all clear and heated bus shelter, and appropriate pull outs on Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way be approved”.

Background:

The original project was slated to have 28 bus bay turn-outs spaced along Confederation Way and Thickwood Boulevard with heated shelters. Upon further review, a potential for pedestrian safety concerns was identified and also having buses leaving and entering the traffic flow in this area of high traffic volumes is disruptive to traffic.

Budget/Financial Implication:

This project was approved by Council during the 2017 Capital Project deliberation as an unfunded project. This project has since been fully funded, with \$10M granted by the Provincial and Federal Governments; the Province of Alberta through the GreenTrip Funding Program will contribute \$6.55M and the Federal Government will contribute \$3.45M through the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF).

The proposed scope changes have been submitted to the funding parties to ensure these changes would not impact our ability to receive these funds.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The original project was deemed to have the potential to create possible safety concerns and an impediment to good traffic flow. Two major transfer points are considered an alternate option to provide heated shelters, washroom facilities for operators and for transferring patrons of the Municipality; as buses at this time, do not stop roadside on Confederation Way and Thickwood Boulevard. The Bus Bay Turn-outs would fully remove buses from the traffic flow keeping a boulevard between traffic and stopped buses. Changing the project scope from 28 to 2 Bus Bay Turnouts, would provide a safer transportation environment for patrons transferring from various locations and decrease the impediment to the traffic flow in these high volume areas.

Strategic Plan Linkages:

Pillar 1 – Building Responsible Government
Pillar 2 – Building Balanced Regional Services
Pillar 5 – Building a Reliable Transportation System
Pillar 6 – Building a Sustainable Region

Attachments:

1. Capital Budget Amendment Bus Bay Turnout & Transit Shelter – Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way – Pre-design
2. Capital Budget Amendment Bus Bay Turnout & Transit Shelter – Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way – Design
3. Capital Budget Amendment Bus Bay Turnout & Transit Shelter – Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way – Construction



CURRENT PROJECT NAME: Bus Bay Turnout & Transit Shelters - Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way -Pre-Design

AMENDED PROJECT NAME: Group I/O Revenue I/O Expense I/O New Project

ORDER CODES (if assigned):

CURRENT PROJECT BUDGET

Year	Annual Cost	Fed Grants	Prov Grants	Reserves	Other Sources	Debtenture Financed
2016 & Prior	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2017	-	-	-	-	-	-
2018	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thereafter	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

CURRENT COST AND COMMITMENT

As at	Current Budget	Actual to Date	Commitments	Available
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

DESCRIPTION/RATIONALE FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT

The original scope of this project is to construct 28 bus bay turnouts along Thickwood Blvd and Confederation Way. Due to potential safety concerns with bus stops along this major arterial roadway, it was recommended that two transit transfer stations be constructed instead of 28 bus bay turnouts, one in Thickwood and the other in Timberlea. The scope of this project is for the pre-design of a transit station in Thickwood & Timberlea consisting of multiple bus pullouts, heated shelters and washroom for drivers.

AMENDED PROJECT BUDGET

Year	Annual Cost	Fed Grants	Prov Grants	Reserves	Other Sources	Debtenture Financed
2016 & prior	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2017	500,000	172,550	327,450	-	-	-
2018	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thereafter	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 500,000	\$ 172,550	\$ 327,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Budget Change

TOTAL	\$ 500,000	\$ 172,550	\$ 327,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY CRITERIA:

Will the change result in an efficient administrative and project delivery process? Yes

Will the change result in an addition or cancellation of a capital project? Yes

Will the underlying scope change alter the nature and type of capital project? Yes

Where additional funding is required, are the funds from a combination of savings from fully tendered projects, other uncommitted sources such as grants and offsite levies, and cash flow management with other capital projects? n/a

Will the change result in Council set debt and debt service limits being exceeded? No

In order for this to be a Fiscal Management Policy Amendment the questions above must answer, Yes, No, No, Yes, No, respectively.

PROJECT ACCOUNTABILITY

PROJECT MANAGER ASSIGNED	Joseph Zachariah	Date:	April 24, 2017
DELIVERY DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	Dawny George	Date:	April 24, 2017
SPONSOR DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	Robert Billard	Date:	April 24, 2017
CPSC CHAIR	Elsie Hutton	Date:	April 24, 2017
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Elsie Hutton	Date:	April 24, 2017

Last updated: January 2017



CURRENT PROJECT NAME: Bus Bay Turnout & Transit Shelters - Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way -Design

AMENDED PROJECT NAME:

Group I/O

Revenue I/O

Expense I/O

New Project

ORDER CODES (if assigned):

CURRENT PROJECT BUDGET

Year	Annual Cost	Fed Grants	Prov Grants	Reserves	Other Sources	Debtenture Financed
2016 & Prior	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2017	-	-	-	-	-	-
2018	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thereafter	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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AMENDED PROJECT BUDGET

Year	Annual Cost	Fed Grants	Prov Grants	Reserves	Other Sources	Debtenture Financed
2016 & prior	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2017	600,000	207,060	392,940	-	-	-
2018	400,000	138,040	261,960	-	-	-
2019	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thereafter	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 345,100	\$ 654,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Budget Change

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	REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO	CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT Council				
CURRENT PROJECT NAME: Bus Bay Turnout & Transit Shelters - Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way AMENDED PROJECT NAME: Bus Bay Turnout & Transit Shelters - Thickwood Boulevard and Confederation Way - Construction						
Project Amendment						
ORDER CODES (if assigned):	Group I/O 0062017	Revenue I/O 700861 Expense I/O 601455				
CURRENT PROJECT BUDGET						
Year	Annual Cost	Fed Grants	Prov Grants	Reserves	Other Sources	Debtenture Financed
2016 & Prior	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2017	10,000,000	3,451,000	6,549,000	-	-	-
2018	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thereafter	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 3,451,000	\$ 6,549,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CURRENT COST AND COMMITMENT						
As at	Current Budget	Actual to Date	Commitments	Available		
4/10/2017	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000		
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AMENDED PROJECT BUDGET						
Year	Annual Cost	Fed Grants	Prov Grants	Reserves	Other Sources	Debtenture Financed
2016 & prior	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2017	-	-	-	-	-	-
2018	8,500,000	2,933,350	5,566,650	-	-	-
2019	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thereafter	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 8,500,000	\$ 2,933,350	\$ 5,566,650	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Budget Change						
TOTAL	\$ (1,500,000)	\$ (517,650)	\$ (982,350)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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