

Alderman Druh Farrell

WHEREAS there is currently no ongoing annual funding for pedestrian overpass construction;

AND WHEREAS Calgarians have said:

“Infrastructure, traffic and roads are the most important issues facing Calgary.”

“We should try to reduce our dependency on cars.”

(Council Priorities 2002 –2004, page 04);

AND WHEREAS Council has said “Create a variety of transportation choices to move people and goods safely, efficiently and affordably.” (Council Priorities 2002 –2004, page 03);

AND WHEREAS Council adopted The Calgary Plan, 1998 July 20, which included the following policy: “Encourage the provision of pedestrian facilities that are safe, direct, continuous and barrier free for all existing, expanded and new developments regardless of the type of land use or intensity of development.” (Section 2-2.3.6B);

AND WHEREAS Council adopted the Calgary Transportation Plan, 1995 May 29, including key policies:

- To encourage walking, the pedestrian environment will be a design element in all land uses and plans for roads, LRT and transit facilities.
- Cycling will be promoted through education, provision of facilities, and enforcement of safety rules.
- Provide affordable access to transportation to Calgarians regardless of their special needs or income,
- Continue to improve the pedestrian environment accessibility to transit service, public facilities and community services;

AND WHEREAS Council adopted the Calgary Pathway and Bikeway Plan report and Implementation Map Report 2001 July 23, including recommended pedestrian overpasses;

AND WHEREAS Council adopted The Calgary Cycle Plan, 1996 October 7, which included the following Recommendation #6: “That a prioritized list of potential pedestrian and cycle overpass/underpass locations be developed . . . as part of the budget process, commencing in 1997”;

AND WHEREAS Council adopted Executive Report TTP2001-40, Pedestrian Overpass Priority Study (POPS) 2001 July 23 identifying a priority list of 16 pedestrian overpasses in order of priority;

AND WHEREAS the estimated cost to construct the following five remaining of the top priority pedestrian overpasses, including engineering costs, GST at 4%, allowance for inflation and an allowance for land costs (approximately \$0.5M), is \$10M

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| 1. Macleod Trail at Erlton LRT Station S.W. | Ward 9 |
| 2. Trans Canada Highway at 43 Street N.W. | Ward 1 |
| 3. Macleod Trail at 61 Avenue S.E. | Wards 9 & 11 |
| 4. Crowchild Trail at 54 Avenue S.W. | Ward 11 |
| 5. John Laurie Boulevard at 19 Street or Brisbois Drive N.W. | Ward 6 (4); |

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Capital funds for construction of the five pedestrian overpasses during the 2004 –2005 construction period in the amount of \$10M, be allocated:

Option 1 As part of the 2004 Transportation Infrastructure Investment Plan (TIIP)
(note that TIIP is over committed)

Option 2 To debt capacity (Council decision)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY, PRIORITIES AND AGENDA COMMITTEE, 2003 SEPTEMBER 30.

Refer directly to Council.