



Council Report

For the Meeting of November 24, 2016

To: Council **Date:** November 22, 2016
From: Fraser Work, Director, Engineering and Public Works
Subject: 1041 Oliphant Avenue and 212-220 Cook Street -
Coordination with Future Biketoria Cycle Track Improvements

RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct staff to proceed with the development of the Biketoria cycle infrastructure in the Cook Street community, outside of the scope of the development at 1041 Oliphant Avenue and 212-220 Cook Street.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to respond to item 6 of the following Council Motion passed at the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 10, 2016.

BACKGROUND

In May 2016, Council approved the recommended Biketoria all ages and abilities (AAA) network and the priority corridors to be completed by 2018. Cook Street south of Pakington Street (including the section at Oliphant Avenue that is adjacent to this development application) is part of the approved Biketoria all ages and abilities network but is not part of the priority Phase 1 network to be completed by 2018. To date, Council has approved the conceptual designs for the priority Phase 1 network, but conceptual designs for the other corridors in the network have not yet been approved.

On November 10, 2016, Council passed a motion stating: "That Council authorize the issuance of Development Permit Application with Variance No. 00402 for 1041 Oliphant Avenue and 212-220 Cook Street, in accordance with...

6. That council direct staff to engage the applicant on the provision of on-street cycling amenities within the roadway on the Cook Street frontage and report back to Council at Second Reading of the bylaw."

ISSUES & ANALYSIS

During the week of November 14-18, staff engaged the applicant, Leonard Cole of Urban Core Ventures, regarding the provision of on-street cycling amenities within the roadway on the Cook Street frontage.

As part of the development, the applicant is required to reconstruct the lane behind the property as well as the sidewalk along the Oliphant Avenue and Cook Street frontage. Along the Cook Street frontage, the development is not impacting the public right-of-way beyond the sidewalk, including the boulevard trees and curb and gutter.

Cook Street south of Pakington Street, including the section at Oliphant Avenue, is currently conceptualized to have one-way AAA protected cycling facilities along each side of the road. However, the concept requires further assessment alongside important public engagement and potentially pilot programs, for example to consider impacts to the two-way left turn lane, parking and boulevard trees, before bringing the conceptual design to Council for approval.

OPTIONS & IMPACTS

2015 – 2018 Strategic Plan

This project contributes to Objective 9 – Complete a Multi-Modal and Active Transportation Network.

Impacts to Financial Plan

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.


Official Community Plan Consistency Statement


The Biketoria project contributes to established goals in the Transportation & Mobility Section of the Official Community Plan 7 (A – C).

CONCLUSIONS

Given that this development is not impacting the boulevard beyond the sidewalk along the Cook Street frontage and that further assessment and engagement on options for the AAA protected cycling track on this corridor are required before the conceptual design is finalized, staff do not recommend including the provision of on-street cycling amenities within the roadway on the Cook Street frontage as a requirement of this development.

Respectfully submitted,


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Report accepted and recommended by the City Manager: _____

Date: _____ November 22, 2016