Richmond to Adelaide TVP, MCEA

ENVIRONMENTAL & PARKS PLANNING SECTION

EEPAC Meeting October 23, 2014
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- **Presentation Objective:**

  Inform EEPAC members of the Richmond to Adelaide Thames Valley Parkway MCEA which is just getting started.

  Discuss the planning process and opportunities for input into this project.
**Planning Context:**

- **Official Plan, Section 15.3.3**
  - Chapter 8 & 16 – Open space, Parks & Recreation policies
  - Chapter 15 – Environmental policies

- **Parks & Recreation Master Plan**
  - Expand and improve access to the City’s pathway system
  - Improve accessibility along the pathway system

- **Bicycle Master Plan**
  - Provides planning context for all cycling infrastructure
  - Complete gaps in the primary & secondary pathway system

- **Strengthening Neighbourhoods Strategy**
  - Encourage biking & walking as a means of transportation
  - Improve connectivity between neighbourhoods

- **Age Friendly London Action Plan**
  - Increase the walkability and safety of pathways and improve neighbourhood connections to the pathway system

- **Smart Moves 2030 Master Plan**
  - Investing in Active transportation, including cycling and walking infrastructure is a key priority for the City

- **Thames Valley Corridor Plan**
  - 61 recommendations that range from environmental initiatives to pathway development with a focus on completing gaps in the TVP
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- **Study Context**
  - Numerous studies confirm the need to complete gaps in the TVP.
  - Richmond to Adelaide = highest priority.

- **Study Overview**
  - Project Manager: Jeff Bruin
  - Consultant: Dillon Consulting Ltd.
  - Study Type: Schedule ‘C’ MCEA
  - Started: September 2014
  - Anticipated Completion: November 2015
  - Status: Preparing for PIC #1 & formal notifications. Ecological inventories progressing.

- **Study Objective**
  - Identify the preferred alignment for the Thames Valley Parkway (primary pathway system) between Richmond Street and Adelaide Street North, as well as secondary pathway connections to surrounding neighbourhoods.
What is a MCEA:

The Class EA process is a five phase planning process which:
- Identifies reasonable solutions to the problem;
- Considers advantages and disadvantages including net environmental effects;
- Requires public consultation; and
- Provides clear documentation that describes the decision making process.

- Phase 1: problem or opportunity
- Phase 2: alternative solutions
- Phase 3: alternative design concepts for preferred solution
- Phase 4: environmental study report
- Phase 5: implementation
- Draft TVP (primary pathway) Options to be Assessed
- Neighbourhood Linkage Options to be developed & Assessed
  - Stoney Creek/Masonville neighbourhood
  - Glenora neighbourhood
  - North London neighbourhood
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- Official Plan, Schedule ‘B-1’
- Background Ecological Inventory Completed 2013/2014
- Subject lands status report and EIS will be completed as per Section 15.3.3 of the OP.
Summary

- Richmond to Adelaide Thames Valley Parkway, MCEA study is commencing Fall 2014, with an anticipated completion date in Fall 2015. This is a high priority project for the City of London.
- City staff encourage EEPAC members to attend Public Meetings and provide formal comments during this MCEA process.
- Dillon Consulting and City staff will provide EEPAC with the Draft MCEA Screening Report and Draft EIS for formal comment prior to the documents being finalized.
- Study Context
  - 2009: $1.6M Federal/Provincial funding
  - 2009-2012: Constructed 4km of pathway
  - Gap: south of Trafalgar at CNR land

- Study Overview
  - Project Manager: Jeff Bruin
  - Consultant: AECOM Canada Ltd.
  - Study Type: Schedule ‘B’ MCEA
  - Started: July 2013
  - Anticipated Completion: Winter 2015
  - Status: finalizing comments on draft EA screening report and draft EIS

- Study Objective
  - Confirm the most appropriate way of establishing a recreational pathway connection between Trafalgar Road and Tweedsmuir Avenue, across CNR lands in Kiwanis Park.
  - Resolve Transport Canada order to CNR to deter trespassing.
Kiwanis Park Pathway & CNR Crossing - MCEA

- Study Area & Assessed Options:
Existing Pathways in Study Area:
- **Preferred Alignment…with one exception**
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- Trafalgar Crossing – Option 1
Trafalgar Crossing – Option 2
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- Trafalgar Crossing – Option 3
Richmond Street North Pedestrian Crossing - MCEA

- **Study Context**
  - Ongoing and future subdivision development along City’s north boundary
  - A Richmond Street North pedestrian crossing is recommended in the Bicycle Master Plan and Sunningdale North Area Plan.

- **Study Overview**
  - Project Manager: Jane Fullick
  - Consultant: AECOM Canada Ltd.
  - Study Type: Schedule ‘C’ MCEA
  - Started: June 2014
  - Anticipated Completion: June 2015
  - Status: Preparing for PIC #1 & formal notifications. Ecological inventories progressing.

- **Study Objective**
  - Determine the most appropriate means of linking a future recreational pathway system across Richmond Street North.

Bicycle Master Plan, 2005
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- Study Area & Preliminary Options to be Assessed