

CITY OF LONDON CYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2015 BUDGET SUBMISSION January 22, 2015

TO: Mayor Matt Brown and Members of Council

FROM: William Pol, Chair Cycling Advisory Committee

RE: 2015 Budget Submission

Overall Cycling Goals

Active Transportation (walking and cycling) is planned to be 11% of all trips by 2020. The direction of the London Plan is to make cycling the second priority after walking as a transportation mode. In order to achieve these goals major investment in the cycling infrastructure is needed to encourage safe enjoyable cycling for commuters and recreational cyclists.

Requested Capital Works amendments

1. Thames Valley Parkway 2015 budget be increased by 50% from 1.2 to 1.8 million and 2016 – 2024 be increased from 8.5 to 12.0 million (p.165 Parks, Recreation and Neighbourhood Services).
2. Bike Lanes 2015 budget be increased by 50% from 0.8 to 1.2 million and 2016 – 2024 be increased from 7.0 to 10.0 million (p. 166 Transportation Services)

Requested Operations amendments

1. That maintenance and service levels for Thames Valley Parkway for the removal of snow and ice be increased to allow all season accessibility with the addition of lighting and improved drainage where necessary.
2. The maintenance and service levels for all bikeways and bike lanes on public road allowances be improved to match the same service levels provided to collector vehicular roads and bus routes.

The requested capital and operations investments to the Thames Valley Parkway will also support increased pedestrian activity year-round.

Committee Background

The Cycling Advisory Committee (CAC) was established May 6, 2014 to provide recommendations, advice and information related to implementing the Bicycle Master Plan; and the cycling components of the following plans: Transportation Master Plan; Active Transportation and Transportation Demand Management Plan; and the London Road Safety Strategy. We represent a broad cross section of London recreational and commuter cyclists; cycling advocates; businesses \ development interests; environmental advisory groups and transportation\road safety advocates. Administrative support is provided through Engineering Services, Planning Services, Development and Compliance Services; Police Services; London Transit Commission and the Middlesex-London Health Unit. Our monthly meetings result in comments forwarded to the Civic Works Committee on a variety of cycling projects and policies, notably the Draft London Plan.

We will be attending the meeting January 22, 2015 to present the above information and be available to answer questions from Council.