

Whereas to ensure cohesion in road projects balancing the needs for all road users and address the desire to increase connectivity options for pedestrians and cyclists in London;

Whereas community engagement and the professional expertise of staff have resulted in the creation of a Cycling Master Plan, endorsed by the previous council;

Whereas the City of London faces challenges in the immediate and longer term as a result of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including both budget considerations and changing preferences in citizen mobility;

Whereas the City of London as a result of the Climate Emergency declaration is developing a Climate lens for city projects;

Whereas support of an Active Transportation Manager has been endorsed by the City of London Cycling Advisory Committee, London Cycle Link and Western Active Transportation Society (WATS) and the London Environmental Network;

Whereas hiring an Active Transportation Manager would also link to Council's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan: Building a Sustainable City;

Whereas implementing active transportation connections require "active" project management and coordination with road work, transit, to advance connectivity opportunities as water and waste water renewal projects occur;

And whereas an Active Transportation Manager would provide leadership in the comprehensive review of the City's Cycling Master Plan in 2021 and in the further development of operational and maintenance requirements for active transportation infrastructure,

- a) That civic administration be directed to develop a plan for the creation of an Active Transportation Manager under Environmental & Engineering Services and the City Engineer, including options to offset the costs for such a position through the reallocation of resources including but not limited to the redeployment of unfilled positions in the "Smart Cities" area.
- b) Civic Administration be directed to report back to the Civic Works Committee by the end of Q3 2020 with an update on progress made with regard to this initiative.

*It being noted and understood that the City of London is currently in a hiring freeze and hiring would occur once this has concluded.*

- c) That civic administration investigate opportunities to address the immediate need of residents for secure bicycle parking in key locations as existing budget opportunities allow.

*It being noted providing secure bike parking in the Core Area relates to several council approved components of the Core Area Action Plan.*

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