

Appendix B (CSD-13-104)

Planning Around Rapid Transit Station (PARTS) Recommended Work Program



Phase 1: Project Plan and Background Report

2013



Phase 2: Corridor-wide Initiatives

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- Communications Approach
- Urban Design Guidelines
- Sanitary Sewer Capacity Analysis
- Transportation Demand Management

2014



Central
Stations
Study
Area Plan

2014-2015

Midtown
Station
Study
Area Plan

2015-2016

Rockway
Stations
Study
Area Plan

2015-2016

Fairway
Station
Study
Area Plan

2016-2017

Block Line
Station
Study
Area Plan

2016-2017

PARTS Phase 2: Corridor-wide Initiatives

There are 5 independent initiatives that are required to be completed for all of the Kitchener Station Study Areas, preferably in advance of each subsequent plan. Each initiative will go through a review process by others and will require project support.

Project Manager: Manager of Long Range and Policy Planning

Interim Direction

It is anticipated that there will be continued redevelopment interest in properties that are in proximity to station stops before each station study area plan can be completed. In order to provide some guidance for development proposals to meet, or not prejudice, the objectives for these transit-supportive locations it may be necessary to implement some interim direction utilizing one or more options/tools. A number of options are outlined within the PARTS Phase 1: Project Plan and Background Report. A public process to consult stakeholders is required before any formal interim direction, such as an amendment to the existing Official Plan and/or Zoning By-law, can be applied. The deliverable is a staff report to Committee of Council outlining a recommendation for interim direction.

Working Team: Senior Planner (Policy Section)-Lead, Planner (Development Section)

Communications Approach

PARTS Phase 1 identified that community engagement for the station study area plans will be important and could occur via a wide range of methods and tools. Further investigation and discussion is required in order to determine the preferred communications approach that balances engagement with resources and timing. The deliverable is a staff report to Committee of Council in March or April 2014.

Working Team: Senior Planner (Policy Section)-Lead, Communications Staff, Deputy CAOs input

Urban Design Guidelines

The preparation of corridor-wide urban design guidelines will provide efficiencies considering the likelihood that similar design principles will be expected in each of the station study areas. It is anticipated that a similar approach to the Mixed Use Corridor Design Guidelines will be utilized (overall objectives and guidelines followed by area specific guidelines). It is expected that the content from these guidelines will become part of an updated design brief in the City's Manual.

Working Team: Senior Planner (Urban Design)-Lead, Planner (Development Section), Urban Designer

Sanitary Sewer Capacity Analysis

Further assessment of future sanitary sewer capacity is recommended. The City has a model of our system and the current estimated capacity. Various scenarios have been considered if future development was to occur under current zoning conditions. A high level review was considered as part of PARTS Phase 1 which did not identify any major known issues with the system should future growth occur in the immediate term. As part of PARTS Phase 2, a range of general density numbers will be explored in concert with the sanitary model. It is expected that with each station study area plan a more detailed review of sanitary impacts will be explored for development scenarios. It is important to consider the connected system and not each area in isolation.

Working Team: Senior Planner (Policy Section)-Lead, Engineering Technologist, GIS Technician

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategy

Similar to the Urban Design Guidelines, there are likely common approaches to TDM that can be further explored and proposed. Each subsequent station study area plan could then add direction or recommendations that are specific to that context.

Working Team: TDM Coordinator-Lead, Planner (Development Section), Policy Analyst