



FCA Federation of Citizens Associations calls on City Council to update 2013 Transportation Master Plan

October 26, 2017-- For immediate Release: FCA calls on City Council to update 2013 Transportation Master Plan, asking to:

- **Invest more in winter sidewalk maintenance**
- **Commit to *Vision Zero* program to eliminate traffic deaths**
- **Examine road congestion charges**
- **Develop LRT transition plan to increase transit ridership**

The Federation of Citizens Associations (an umbrella group representing 43 community associations across Ottawa) will be appearing before the City of Ottawa's Transportation Committee at its November 1 meeting to urge City Council not to wait until 2021 to update the City's 2013 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) but to take immediate measures to meet the TMP's goals of increasing walking, cycling and transit use, and reducing car dependency.

Said FCA President Sheila Perry: "Our members support the TMP's goals and are not willing to wait until 2021 to update the TMP. We have concrete suggestions that Council can undertake now to meet its transportation goals."

The FCA brief to Ottawa Transportation Committee makes 16 recommendations covering walking, cycling, roads and public transit. Among the recommendations are: invest more in winter sidewalk maintenance to increase walk-ability; commit to the Vision Zero program to eliminate traffic deaths by 2030 (Ottawa's 150th anniversary); examine road congestion charges and other traffic demand measures to reduce car dependency; develop a plan to facilitate transition to Light Rail Transit so that transit ridership increases; ensure meaningful consultation for communities facing intensification as a result of transit-oriented development. The full report can be found at <http://fca-fac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/TMP-brief-FCA-16Oct17-1.pdf>.

About the FCA

The FCA-FAC is the forum for citizens associations and similar non-profit volunteer groups in Ottawa, Canada. Member associations share information about issues facing their communities and, when appropriate, take joint action. The FCA encourages discussion of civic affairs. It's membership includes associations from the city center, the inner suburbs, the suburban communities outside the Greenbelt and rural Ottawa.

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