

City of Ottawa Transportation Master Plan Update



FCA General Meeting April 19, 2023



The Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is the City's blueprint for planning, developing, and operating its transportation networks (walking, cycling, transit, vehicles) to 2046.

It must conform to the directions found in the recently adopted City of Ottawa Official Plan.

The TMP builds on previous TMPs completed in 2003, 2008, 2013.

It was developed based on public feedback, following the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.

This TMP Update covers policies. The capital program will appear in 2025.



The TMP Update policy document, the listing of Active Transportation Projects, and the proposed Project Prioritization Framework were released on the Engage Ottawa website on Friday March 10.

City Council votes on it on Wednesday April 26.

The TMP Update policy document is 157 pages & contains 75 policies.

The Active Transportation Projects listed 109 pedestrian projects & 125 cycling projects, to be constructed over 25 years.

The Project Prioritization Framework contains the metrics to evaluate & prioritize the projects for the TMP Capital Plan.



TMP VISION:

In 2046, Ottawa's transportation network will be flexible, dependable, safe and efficient in meeting the evolving needs of residents and businesses across the city, while enabling the City to meet its climate change goals. The network will provide travel options for people regardless of their income, identity, or ability.



The TMP Update document is in 2 sections (1/2):

1. Cross-cutting policy themes:

- Build a sustainable & resilient transportation system (8 policies)
- Create a healthier & more equitable transportation system (5 policies)
- Advance regional competitiveness (6 policies)
- Respond to change (5 policies)
- Use transportation to support the city we want to build (7 policies)



The TMP Update document is in 2 sections (2/2):

2. Focussed policy themes:

- Maximize walkability (8 policies)
- Develop a great cycling city (11 policies)
- Expand & improve transit city-wide (6 policies)
- Provide safe, multi-modal streets (10 policies)
- Manage the curb, parking & movement of goods (5 policies)
- Encourage sustainable travel choices (4 policies)



The Active Transportation Projects document covers:

109 pedestrian projects (sorted by ward)

125 cycling projects (sorted by ward)

These are to be implemented over the next 25 years (assuming ongoing budgetary support).



The Project Prioritization Framework document contains the evaluation factors to be used in setting priorities in the TMP capital program for transit and road projects (to be released in 2025).

For transit projects (100 points):

- 35 points for ridership growth
- 25 points for service improvement
- 20 points for city building (this includes equity, impact on natural systems, major destinations & economic development)
- 20 points for cost



For road projects (100 points):

- 55 points for mobility needs
(33 points for development, 22 points for congestion reduction)
- 25 points for city building
(4 points each for reducing GHG emissions, support for transit, effect on equity n'hoods, impact on natural systems, place-making & healthy streets, goods movement & economic development)
- 20 points for cost



A Transportation Master Plan Workshop was held on Saturday April 15 (9 am to 3 pm) @ Jack Purcell CC

Sponsored by:



People's Official Plan
Coalition

Attendance: 46 people (in person)



Agenda: (AM) Panellists on cross-cutting themes:

Climate change – William Van Geest (Ecology Ottawa)

Inclusivity/Equity – Lais Maurillo (CAWI)

Land Use – Paul Johanis (FCA)

Discussion groups

Priorization of identified issues (through dot-ocracy)

Lunch (courtesy of CAWI)

(PM) Panellists on focussed themes:

Cycling – Dave Robertson (Bike Ottawa)

Transit – Kari Glynes Elliott (Ottawa Transit Riders)

Pedestrians/Safe Streets – Alex Cullen (FCA)

Project Prioritization Framework – John Verbaas (FCA)

Discussion groups

Priorization of identified issues (through dot-ocracy)



Over 100 ideas were discussed – 80 received 2 votes or more.

The top 10 ideas from the TMP Workshop are:

1. The overwhelming majority of workshop participants support Council's general policy direction to encourage active transportation and transit over vehicle use. One of the means of achieving this is for the City to disincentivize vehicle use through more costly vehicle parking.
2. While workshop participants support higher densities in housing by rapid transit stations, such intensification should include family housing.
3. The workshop participants agreed that there should be more meaningful consultation on how funding for road, transit and active transportation projects be allocated.



Top 10 ideas from the TMP Workshop are (cont'd):

4. As part of the City's promotion of active transportation, e-scooters and bike-sharing should be included in this effort.
5. Distribution centers that require 18 wheeler trucks should be located outside the urban area.
6. Workshop participants support the conversion of city roads to "complete streets" but want to see more investment into these projects beyond the schedule of street retro-fitting, as that schedule is deemed to be insufficient and will take many, many decades to complete.
7. The transit needs of rural communities must be addressed better in this TMP.
8. In order to meet both TMP walkability targets and the Official Plan's goal of 15-minute neighbourhoods, Ottawa's pedestrian network must be accessible and available for all 4 seasons.



Top 10 ideas from the TMP Workshop are (cont'd):

9. Workshop participants agreed that parking minimum requirements should be eliminated for residential buildings.
10. Workshop participants agreed that good quality snow removal on sidewalks needed to be implemented in order to improve walkability and accessibility.



The TMP Workshop results were circulated to participants, to members of City Transportation Committee and City staff, and to all members of City Council.

As well, a presentation was made to City Transportation Committee on April 17 on the top 10 issues identified at this workshop.

City Council will deal with the Transportation Master Plan Update, the Active Transportation Projects listing, and the proposed Project Prioritization Framework at its April 26 meeting.



NEXT STEPS:

Part 2 of the Transportation Master Plan will arrive in early 2025.

This will include:

- Travel trends & forecasts as a result of the Origin/Destination study
- Modal share targets
- Transit & road networks
- Investment scenarios & implementation plan



QUESTIONS?