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Memorandum

Planning and Development Services

Re: Yonge Street Active Transportation Facilities Draft Design Presentation

To: Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

From: Michael Ha, Transportation and Traffic Analyst

Date: January 22, 2025

Recommendation

1. That the memorandum regarding Yonge Street Active Transportation Facilities Draft Design Presentation be received; and
2. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee comments regarding Yonge Street Active Transportation Facilities Draft Design Presentation be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Background

As approved by Council as part of the 2024 Capital Budget process, the Town has initiated Capital Project No. GN0163 – Active Transportation Facilities – Yonge Street - Bloomington to GO Bridge Both Sides. The key objective of the project is to complete the detailed design of active transportation facilities, which may include multi-use pathway and/or sidewalks, on Yonge Street from Bloomington Road to Industrial Parkway South.

Analysis

Currently, sidewalks are not provided along the subject section of Yonge Street. Cyclists are sharing the road with motorists without dedicated and separated facilities and pedestrians are walking on the shoulder of the road to access services and amenities north of this area. The construction of active transportation facilities will increase safety for all road users. This is consistent with the recommendations from the draft Active Transportation Master Plan which proposes a multi-use path along both sides of Yonge Street between Bloomington Road and the Metrolinx railway overhead bridge.

The proposed Yonge Street active transportation facilities will form a major north-south active transportation link in the Town for pedestrians and cyclists. It will provide connections between other active transportation systems including the multi-use path on Bloomington Road and the bicycle facilities on Industrial Parkway South.

Ainley Group was retained to undertake the design of the Yonge Street active transportation facilities. The design is currently underway, and the final study is expected to be completed in Q2 2025.

The purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity for the committee members to review and comment on the Yonge Street active transportation facilities options for comments. Ainley Group will be providing a presentation (Attachment 1) that provides a brief overview of the project including project scope, methodology, and draft design alternatives for the Committee's review and comment.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Presentation