

Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel Strategic Plan 2016-2018

SMAP's mandate and primary objectives (as given by Council)

Mandate:

To assist staff and Council in implementing a vision for a holistic approach to a multi-model transportation system where citizens can walk, cycle and/or use public transit efficiently and safely to get to their destinations.

Primary Objectives:

To assist staff, Council and community partners in implementing the recommendations made within the Sustainable Mobility Plan and the Bicycle Master Plan;

To advocate for pedestrians, cyclists and transit users;

To advocate for non-motorized transportation requirements within Greater Sudbury's Official Plan;

To advocate for Greater Sudbury's policies affecting pedestrians, cyclists and transit users; and to develop recommendations to encourage sustainable mobility;

To promote walking and cycling as an important part of a healthy community;

To advocate recommendations for walking/cycling infrastructure.

SMAP's Vision

Our vision is that citizens of Greater Sudbury can walk, cycle, roll and/or use public transit efficiently and safely to get to their destinations, whatever their age or ability.

Term: To coincide with the term of Council to November 30, 2018.

Goal 1: Policies within the Official Plan and the Transportation Study (as well as departmental policies and bylaws) support sustainable mobility, and new policies make it easier to walk, roll, cycle, or bus to travel around Greater Sudbury (Sustainable Mobility Plan (SMP) and SMAP recommendations are included in the Official Plan, the Transportation Study, and new policies).

Strategies	Actions	Timeline
1.1. Contribute to OP policies that support sustainable mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input to the OP review, phase 2 (transportation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer 2017 (likely)
1.2. Contribute to a Transportation Study that supports sustainable mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input to the Transportation Study • Presentation to Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going • <i>A written submission was preferred</i>
1.3. Identify existing policies that would better support sustainable mobility if updated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research cycling on boulevards and sidewalks and recommend a review of the Traffic and Parking By-law (By-law 2010-1) • Review the traffic calming by-law and make recommendations to support sustainable mobility • Review relevant staff reports and provide input where appropriate and impactful • Review which existing policies would better support sustainable mobility if updated and make recommendations to Council (e.g. pedestrian crossings; priorities for street sweeping, line painting and snow clearance; pavement condition in bike lanes; lane widths) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going • On-going • On-going • Spring 2017 – Fall 2018
1.4. Identify new policies that would support sustainable mobility in Greater Sudbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on SMAP input to the Transportation Study on policies (e.g. sidewalk, pedestrian crossing, and cycling priority indices; complete streets policy, etc) • Review SMP recommendations • Research best practices to make recommendations to Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going • Fall 2016/Winter 2017 • 2017

Goal 2: All road projects and connectors incorporate appropriate sustainable mobility infrastructure

Strategies	Actions	Timeline
1.2. <i>Contribute to a Transportation Study that supports sustainable mobility</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Provide input to the Transportation Study</i> • <i>Presentation to Council</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>On-going</i> • <i>A written submission was preferred</i>
2.1. Work with the Active Transportation Coordinator (once hired)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a good process for communication and input with the AT coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early 2017
2.2. Contribute to road projects that support sustainable mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide early input on sustainable mobility needs on upcoming road projects • Provide input on proposed designs for road projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every fall • Every spring
2.3. Contribute to a range of options available for supporting sustainable mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research good options used in comparable communities like Thunder Bay, North Bay and Sault Ste. Marie • Facilitate opportunities for the sharing of best practices • Facilitate opportunities that move sustainable mobility forward (e.g. Share the Road data collection; grant opportunities) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017

Goal 3: More residents are taking the bus because transit meets more residents' needs. (e.g. Transit ridership grows 2% per year.)

Strategies	Actions	Timeline
3.1. Contribute to a Transit Master Plan that grows ridership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research best practices and examples from other communities • Provide input to the Transit Master Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going • 2017 (likely)
3.2. Contribute to improvements to transit service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input from transit riders' experiences on smaller changes that will improve transit service (e.g. wayfinding, earlier start times, fare pilot projects, make stroller policy permanent) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going

Goal 4: Priority setting for investments in transportation infrastructure includes connectivity, safety, health and wellness, equity, and accessibility.

Strategies	Actions	Timeline
4.1. Contribute to policies and/or tools that include connectivity, safety, health, wellness, equity and accessibility in priority setting for investments in transportation infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research best practices and examples from other communities and provide recommendations to Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017
4.2. Contribute to investments in sustainable mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input to the municipal budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually

Goal 5: Pedestrians, cyclists and transit users are meaningfully consulted and included in decisions, priority setting, and identifying needs for transportation

Strategies	Actions	Timeline
5.1. Contribute to a good consultation process for transportation decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input on a Council review of public input requirements for transportation infrastructure decisions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017 (likely)

Goal 6: Greater Sudbury has a minimum grid of cycling routes (priority cycling routes and connectors have been implemented).

Strategies	Actions	Timeline
6.1. Contribute to timely progress on a minimum grid of cycling routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for the inclusion of the minimum grid in the Transportation Study • Provide input on road work done on minimum grid routes • Provide input on the use of the cycling infrastructure budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going • On-going • On-going

Goal 7: More people are walking because the built environment meets their needs.

Strategies	Actions	Timeline
7.1. Contribute to timely progress on improvements to walkability in Greater Sudbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review SMP recommendations • Research best practices to make recommendations to Council • Support the completion and implementation of a sidewalk priority index and a pedestrian crossing priority index 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall 2016/Winter 2017 • 2017 • On-going
7.2. Assess changes in number of people walking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review data on pedestrian counts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually, as data is available

Goal 8: Implementation of a vision for a holistic approach to a multi-model transportation system where citizens can walk, cycle and/or use public transit efficiently and safely to get to their destinations in Greater Sudbury is well coordinated.

Strategies	Actions	Timeline
8.1. Work collaboratively with the Active Transportation Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AT coordinator will attend SMAP meetings as a staff resource • Good communication with the AT coordinator on priorities and actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing once hired (~fall 2016) • Ongoing once hired (~fall 2016)
8.2. Complement the work of other stakeholder groups as much as possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate regularly with stakeholder groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing

* The Transportation Study is also referred to as the Transportation Master Plan

* SMP refers to the Sustainable Mobility Plan

* SMAP refers to the Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel

N.B. Timeline dates updated January 2017