

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan - Multi-Use Trail Study Delivery Agreement - by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Director, Waterfront Secretariat to execute, on behalf of the City, a Delivery Agreement with the Bentway Conservancy to fund an inventory/gap analysis and conceptual design work in relation to the proposed 7-kilometre multi-use-trail connecting Dufferin Street to the Don Valley Parkway under the Gardiner Expressway, to a maximum of \$201,000.00, exclusive of applicable taxes and charges, (Source Accounts: CWR003-12, CTP816-02 and CPR117-4719) on terms and conditions acceptable to the Director, Waterfront Secretariat, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Summary

The Under Gardiner Multi-Use Trail study is an implementation priority for the Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan, considered by City Council in April 2024 and described below. The Multi-Use Trail study aims to provide the next step in the process to develop the proposed Multi-Use Trail that will improve connectivity, safety, predictable amenity, and sense of place across the Gardiner corridor, offering enhanced multi-modal mobility. This will be achieved through extension and enhancement of the existing trail network, and construction of new segments of trail, from Dufferin Street to the Don Valley Parkway.

This Multi-Use Trail study will build on the success of the current trail segments at the Bentway Phase 1, existing trail connections, and planned improvements between Jarvis and Cherry Streets that are part of the Lake Shore Boulevard East Public Realm Plan. The delivery of the trail will involve a collaborative approach, with various segments being executed by different agents, including City partners, private developers, and other delivery agents, including the Bentway Conservancy and Waterfront Toronto. Each segment will follow the Gardiner rehabilitation work and align with key initiatives along the corridor.

Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan

The Under Gardiner Public Realm Plan was endorsed by Council April 17 and 18, 2024 ([Agenda Item History - 2024.IE12.5](#)) as a long-term (multi-decade) vision for the public realm

following work taking place as part of the Gardiner Expressway Rehabilitation Plan and contributes towards larger waterfront revitalization efforts.

The Plan outlines improvements that can be implemented by private or public entities that will benefit emerging neighbourhoods, provide provisions for people walking and cycling, and a cohesive identity, repositioning the space underneath the expressway corridor as an inviting part of Toronto's downtown public realm.

Funds for this study are available in three capital budget accounts: Waterfront Revitalization Initiative account number CWR003-12; Transportation Services account number CTP816-02; and Parks and Recreation account number CPR117-4719.

Background Information (City Council)

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