INFORMATION REPORT

TO: Mayor and Members
   General Issues Committee

COMMITTEE DATE: May 16, 2018

SUBJECT/REPORT NO: A & B Line Amenities - Funds Reallocation
(PW18042)(City Wide)
(Outstanding Business List Item)

WARD(S) AFFECTED: City Wide

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Council Direction:

General Issues Committee at its meeting of January 17, 2018, directed staff to investigate means of enhancing the ridership experience along the A-Line by utilizing the Quick Wins funding currently reserved for public art in bus shelters, as outlined in report PRD17211, respecting the Public Art Master Plan 2016 Annual Update, and report back to the General Issues Committee with options.

Information:

Staff has investigated several options for reallocating the funds currently reserved for public art in transit shelters ($50,000) to other initiatives along the A-Line route and provide the following options for consideration:

1. Install 3 Conventional Shelters – Install conventional transit shelters at the following A-Line stops; Upper James at Twenty Road (NE), Airport Road opposite Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum (south side) and Upper James at Rymal (NW). Average daily boardings at these stops are 4, 4 and 11 passengers respectively. Estimated cost for shelter structures and associated concrete works are approximately $45,000 and can be completed by Q4 2018.

2. Install 1 Enhanced Shelter – Install an enhanced transit shelter at the A-Line Waterfront terminus in conjunction with proposed internal road works expected to commence in 2018. The shelter structure will be similar to those at Mohawk College and the Mountain Transit Centre which are wider and longer than standard shelters. See picture below. The stop will be located in the vicinity of the existing Williams Coffee Pub which currently has average daily boardings of 21 passengers. Estimated cost for the
shelter structure and associated concrete works are approximately $50,000. Installation of hard surface infrastructure will be coordinated with 2018 capital works currently being programmed by the Waterfront Development Office. The shelter structure is expected to be installed by Q2 2019.

3. Do Nothing – Funds can remain in the Quick Wins account for consideration of future capital improvements on the BLAST network and post LRT initiatives including terminals, enhanced shelters and wayfinding, pending Provincial approval.

Subsequent to approval of the preferred option, staff will initiate the project using Quick Wins funds.

This item can be removed from the Outstanding Business List.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jason Vander Heide, Manager, Transit Planning and Infrastructure at Extension 2390.

Appendices and Schedules Attached

N/A