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INFORMATION REPORT

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COUNCIL DIRECTION

On July 12, 2019, Council approved Report PED19124 - Smart Commute Workplace Mobility Program Transition, which included a Recommendation that staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee annually on the results of the Sustainable Mobility Program, including the workplace and school programs.

The purpose of this Information Report is to provide the Public Works Committee with an update on the Sustainable Mobility Programs in 2021.

INFORMATION

The 2021 Sustainable Mobility Programs Annual Report, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED19124(c), summarizes the major activities undertaken by the Sustainable Mobility Program. These include the Smart Commute Hamilton Workplace Program, School Travel Planning, cycling network expansion, and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) initiatives, infrastructure, and policies.

Sustainable Mobility is a major pillar of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP). It uses policies, programs, services, and products to influence travel behaviour and manage travel demand by shifting users to sustainable modes and distributing trips outside the

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peak travel period. This is achieved by increasing awareness of the available travel options, educating the community on sustainable travel, and helping remove common barriers that individuals face when considering using a sustainable way to get around. These strategies help reduce the need to widen roadways, reduce households' transportation costs, foster safer and healthier communities, and support travel demand.

Select Program highlights from 2021 include:

○ **Workplace Program**

- Smart Commute Hamilton continued to support its 29 workplace members, representing over 125,000 employees and post-secondary students at 50 sites across Hamilton;
- The new Smart Commute Tool had a soft launch during Smart Commute Month. A larger launch will take place in 2022 as staff working from home begin to return to their workplace in person; and,
- The Annual Smart Commute survey found that 42% of staff and students expect to be working/learning from home at least one day a week, and 43% of people who have returned to a workplace in some capacity report driving alone more often than pre-pandemic.

○ **Community Program**

- The approval of the Free-Floating CarShare and Commercial E-Scooter pilot programs, which will test new mobility options in the community, and the donation of 650 bikes from Portland will support our local bikeshare fleet;
- Seven new bikeshare hubs and the addition of 340 racks at existing high-demand hub locations;
- The Community in Motion Awards were awarded for the first time since 2019. Six well-deserving organizations, programs and individuals were recognized for their contribution to Hamilton's sustainable transportation system;
- 3.2 million active transportation trips were recorded across 15 permanent counter stations, an increase of 150,000 over 2021;
- 65 Hammer Hoop bicycle racks and multi-ring bicycle racks locations were installed across the City; and,
- Virtual Bike Month was held in June and had over 650 registrants, nearly double the number of participants in 2021.

The Sustainable Mobility Team also worked to plan a number of cycling projects that were implemented by the Public Works Department including:

- The installation of 13.3 kms of new cycling facilities, including multi-use paths, bike lanes and cycling track, and the enhancement of 7.9 kms of existing facilities using painted buffers, pre-cast curbs and flexposts;

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- The initial deployment of a mini jersey barrier type separator on the York Boulevard bike lanes, from Dundurn to Hess; and,
 - Filling in the Hunter Street bike lane gap provides a direct, two-way cycling connection to the GO Station. The cycle track includes a poured concrete curb, flexposts, and a new signalized intersection at Hughson.
- **Schools**
- 112 schools are at, or above, Level 1 of the Active and Safe School Travel certification process, an increase of two; and,
 - Secured grant funding to undertake a school streets pilot program that will reallocate street space adjacent to a school to make it safer and easier to access the school site.

The Sustainable Mobility Program Team continued to make great strides with our partners throughout 2021, despite the impacts of the pandemic.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A” to Report PED19124(c) - Sustainable Mobility Programs Annual Report
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