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Community Request

Name of Proposed Business Case: Todd Road Sidewalk Project

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Department Responsible for the Business Case: Development, Engineering & Sustainability

Alignment with Council Strategic Plan: Environmental Leadership, Livability

Estimated Costs: \$1,700,000

Operating: Capital Only

Spend Year(s): 2024-2026

What is the Request?

The Barnhartvale community is requesting the installation of a sidewalk on the north side of Todd Road between Barnhartvale Road and Ronde Lane as part of the upcoming Todd Road Reconstruction Project, planned to be completed in 2024 and 2025.

Currently, a sidewalk is not included in the project plans or the Transportation Master Plan and funding for the sidewalk is not available through the Active Transportation Capital Program. Recent feedback from the Barnhartvale community, the Robert L. Clemitson Elementary Parent Advisory Council, and Interior Health have shown strong support to install this section of sidewalk.

Summary

The Todd Road Reconstruction Project includes road reconstruction, underground utility upgrades, and crosswalk improvements along 1.9 km of Todd Road from Barnhartvale Road and Ronde Lane. During early design discussion, the existing pedestrian facility along the route (paint pedestrian shoulder) was selected to remain as this was aligned with priorities in the current Transportation Master Plan. The 2018 Transportation Master Plan does not list a sidewalk along this section of road; hence, funds are not available to fund the sidewalk through the Active Transportation Capital Program.

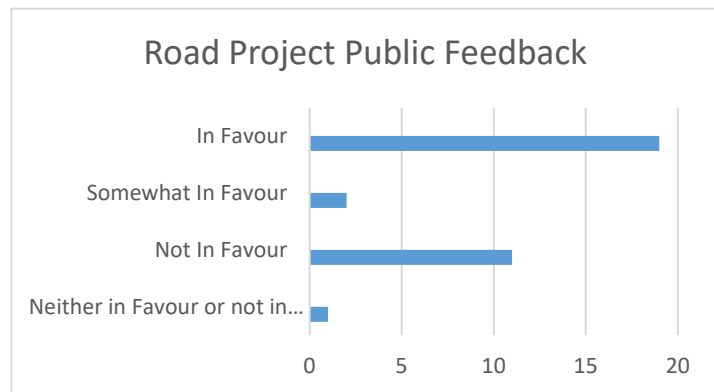


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As with other Capital Projects, the City sent out comment sheets in early 2021 at the start of the design process to collect input from residents, business owners, and other impacted members of the community.

As funding has not been identified for a sidewalk, letters were sent to residents communicating the opportunity to fund a sidewalk through the Local Area Service Improvement (LASI) Program whereby the City cost shares with residents to increase the level of service in the neighbourhood.



Response to these letters indicated that there was not an interest in funding the sidewalk through the LASI Program and a follow up letter was sent confirming for residents that funding was not available through City budgets or the LAS Program in this case.

In later 2023, the City received several additional requests for the sidewalk through:

- the Barnhartvale Council + Community Conversations event on October 25, 2023
- a letter of support from the R. L. Clemitson Parent Advisory Council (Attachment "A")
- a letter of support from the Paediatric Medical Lead of Interior Health (Attachment "B").

To include a sidewalk on the north side of Todd Road in the project would require an additional \$1,700,000 in funding for engineering design and construction. This cost includes the concrete sidewalk, driveway crossings, concrete curb, and gutter, catch basins, and drainage tie-ins.

If funding is approved, the project would need to start in 2025 as the existing plan will need to be redesigned. If funding is not approved, it may be possible to start construction on the existing project in late 2024.

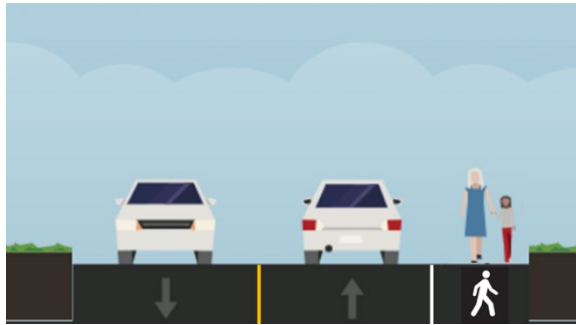




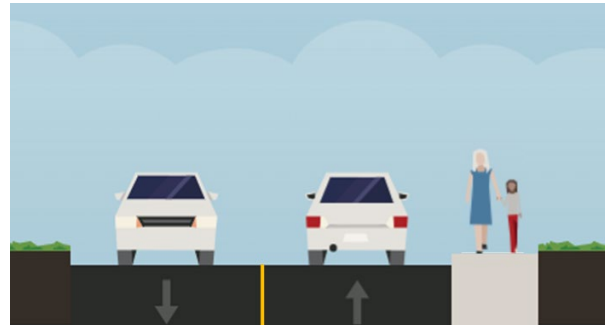
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**Existing Cross Section on Todd Road
(Painted Pedestrian Shoulder)**



**Proposed Cross Section on Todd Road
(1.5m Concrete Sidewalk)**



Completed by the Corporate Services Department

Proposed Funding Options

A Local Areas Service Improvement (LASI) funding option was provided to the residents of the area, which would have resulted in the resident funding 50% of the capital costs and the City funding the remainder. This form of funding is used in various situations where residents wish to have unplanned infrastructure added to their neighbourhoods in conjunction with already planned, complementary infrastructure work.

Residents were approached to consider this option and the residents rejected a LASI agreement. As a result, the City would be responsible to fund the construction of the requested sidewalk if it were to move forward. The City currently has plans to complete the Todd Road Reconstruction Project in 2024 and 2025.

The proposed funding would be through long-term debt starting in 2025.

Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Long-Term Debt		\$1,000,000	\$700,000		
Total					

Attachment "A"

October 5, 2023

Marvin Kwiatowski, P. Eng.
Director of Development, Engineering and Sustainability
City of Kamloops
7 Victoria Street West
Kamloops BC V2C 1A2

Dear Mr. Kwiatowski,

We were asked by community members of Barnhartvale if RL Clemitson Parents Advisory Council would be in favour of showing our support for sidewalk upgrades along Todd Road in our community of Barnhartvale. We were recently informed of paving scheduled between Rhonde Lane and Cooney Road without any sidewalk upgrades and we strongly agree that this would be an ideal opportunity, while already upgrading roadways, to install proper sidewalks on the East side of Todd Road.

A proper sidewalk in a residential neighbourhood has many beneficial features for its residents, however, we find the utmost important factor of a newly installed sidewalk would be increase safety measures for the children, families and seniors that walk this well-travelled route daily.

Currently, there is a mix of asphalt and painted lines that loosely indicate where pedestrians can navigate on their way to and from school. We believe that a proper, raised sidewalk would create a clearer and safer divide between people and vehicles. There would also be less instances of potential injuries due to uneven walking surfaces or close calls with vehicles travelling too close to the simple painted line divide.

We would hope that a proper, raised sidewalk may encourage more families to walk to school with their children, or even allow their children to start building independence and walking with friends knowing that there is a safer sidewalk that would accompany them to our school. If more children started walking to school, this could also create less vehicle traffic and congestion at peak drop-off and pick-up times.

We appreciate you taking the time to review our concerns. We hope that you will take into consideration the positive benefits of a proper sidewalk installation between Rhonde Lane and Cooney Road prior to proceeding with road upgrades so this matter can be revisited.

Sincerely,

RL Clemitson Parents Advisory Council

Cc: - Purvez Irani, Transportation Manager, City of Kamloops
- Rhonda Nixon, Superintendent, School District 73
- Art McDonald, Director of Facilities, School District 73
- Heather Grieve, School Board Chair, School District 73

Attachment "B"



October 27, 2023

Sent via email:

Dear Mr. Kwiatkowski,

This letter is in support of a supplemental budget item request to permit construction of sidewalks as part of the Todd road reconstruction project.

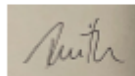
Todd road serves as a main arterial in Barnhartvale, and is the primary route by which a substantial proportion of children residing in Barnhartvale travel to school at R.L. Clemitson. The lack of safe routes is highlighted in numerous studies as a primary reason parents are reluctant to allow their children to walk to school. We know that a majority of Canadian children do not meet the levels of physical activity required to maintain good health. A number of Canadian agencies have highlighted the important role that active transportation (walking and cycling) can play in increasing children's physical activity levels.

Safe Routes to School, and School Streets programs, have both been initiated in BC (and indeed in Kamloops) to support children's ability to safely walk or roll to school. However, the lack of safe and appropriate infrastructure is the number one barrier to wide adoption of these programs.

The opportunity to provide sidewalks as critical infrastructure during the Todd road reconstruction cannot be squandered. Failing to build sidewalks now will condemn at least another generation or two of children in Barnhartvale to being driven to school, simply because walking is unsafe.

I sincerely hope that council recognizes the importance of this request, and supports both parents and children in Barnhartvale to have a choice for healthier and safer transportation options.

Sincerely,



Dr. Trent Smith
Paediatric Medical Lead, Interior Health

Interior Health would like to recognize and acknowledge the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Dákelh Dené, Ktunaxa, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, St'át'imc, Syilx, and Tsílhqot'in Nations where we live, learn, collaborate and work together.

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