

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
**CITY OF WHITE ROCK**  
CORPORATE REPORT



**DATE:** February 24, 2025

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Corrine Haer, P. Eng., Manager, Engineering

**SUBJECT:** 2025 Active Transportation Fund Grant Program

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT Council receive the corporate report dated February 24, 2025, from the Manager of Engineering, titled “2025 Active Transportation Fund Grant Program;” and

1. That the submission of the Centennial Park Bikeway and Multi-Use Path project as part of the 2025 Active Transportation Fund be endorsed for submission; and
  2. If the grant is successful, authorize the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations to execute the funding agreement for the project.
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Municipalities have been invited to submit active transportation related projects for funding consideration from Infrastructure Canada’s Active Transportation Fund Grant Program.

Active transportation infrastructure refers to the physical structures and the built environment that support active transportation, such as pathways, bike lanes, multi-use trails and widened sidewalks. The most effective active transportation infrastructure provides a complete network that allows users to safely move through their communities and between destinations, from main streets to schools, parks, public transit hubs and residential neighborhoods.

This corporate report seeks Council’s approval to submit the Centennial Park Bikeway and Multi-Use Path project to Infrastructure Canada by the deadline of February 26, 2025 and seeks Council’s approval to execute any funding agreements that arise from the application.

**INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

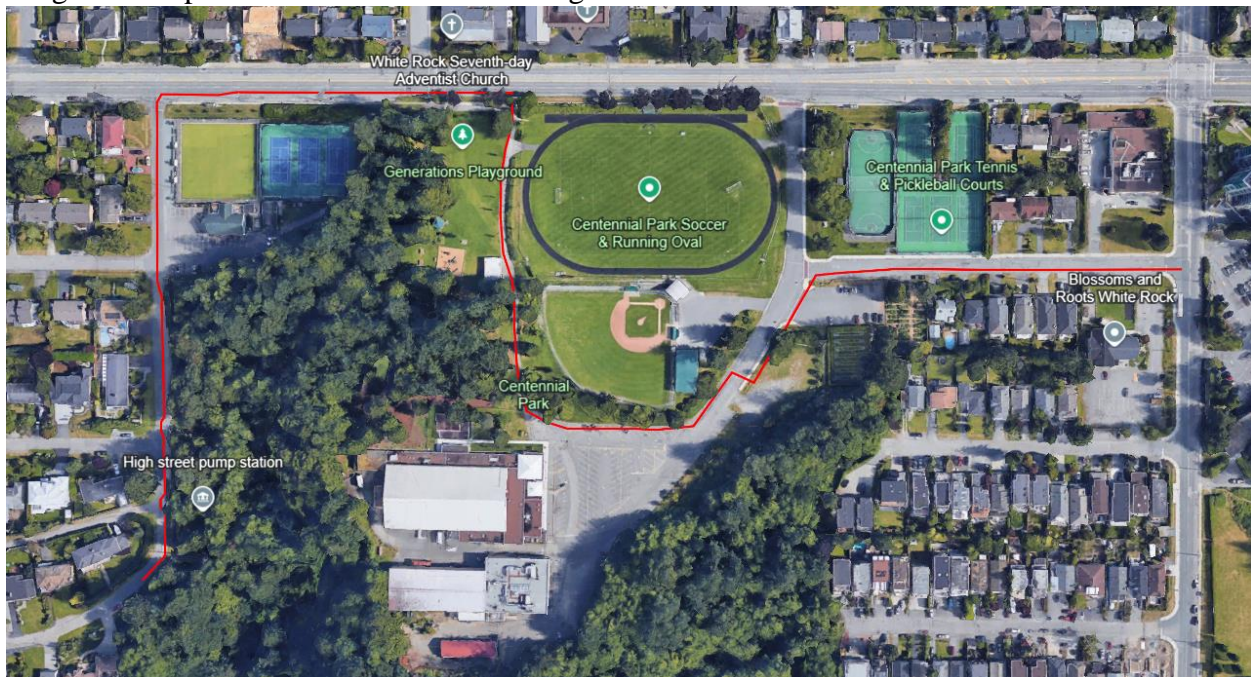
The Active Transportation Fund (ATF) Grant Program is a cost-share program between Infrastructure Canada and local governments to support the construction of new facilities to make it easier and safer for people to walk, ride or roll using active transportation modes.

The call for applications related to the above-noted program has a deadline of February 26, 2025. Staff have prepared an application for the Centennial Park Bikeway and Multi-Use Path project and are prepared to submit the application by the deadline. This project is identified in the City’s Integrated Transportation & Infrastructure Master Plan (ITIMP) and was included for conceptual design in the 2024 Financial Plan.

The Centennial Park Bikeway and Multi-Use Path involves the design and construction of a 3 to 4 meter-wide separated multi-use asphalt path that can be utilized by pedestrians and cyclists connecting the intersection of Blackburn Crescent and High Street on the west side of the project scope and the intersection of Vine Street and Oxford Street on the east side (Image 1). This project is currently in conceptual design phase and if approved for the grant, will move into detailed design following approval.

Due to the proposed alignment potentially conflicting with existing parking spots, staff have incorporated parking lot optimization south of the proposed alignment into the project's overall scope. Currently, it is anticipated that the project may result in the loss of four parking stalls. However, staff will continue to refine the plan and strive to minimize the overall impact as much as possible.

Image 1 – Map of Centennial Park MUP Alignment



The City is eligible for 60 per cent cost-share funding up to a maximum of \$50M and the work must be substantially constructed by March 31, 2030.

Table 1 – Funding for application to the 2025 ATF Grant Program

Fund	City Portion	Potential ATF Funding	Estimated total project costs
General	\$520,000	\$780,000	\$1,300,000

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Centennial Park Bikeway and Multi-Use Path has approved funding for concept design in the 2024 Consolidated Financial Plan. Any successful funding will be incorporated in a future Financial Plan for Council's consideration.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

No legal implications are anticipated. Staff request authorization for the Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations to execute any successful funding agreements for this project.

### **COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Engineering staff will work with Communications staff to engage the residents that live near High Street for further engagement on the alignment of the multi-use path taking in consideration the parking that currently exists on the east side of High Street.

### **IMPLICATIONS FOR TREE PRESERVATION AND TREE CANOPY ENHANCEMENT**

Staff plan to protect existing trees, thereby enhancing and ensuring the sustainability of the City's urban forest and recognizing the environmental and aesthetic benefits trees provide. Typical city tree management will follow the City's Tree Protection Bylaw No. 2407.

Trees currently exist along the east side of High Street that will be further assessed for health as the project moves into the detailed design phase.

### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

This project is in alignment with the Community Priority that identifies that the City foster a livable city with connected residents enjoying distinctive places and activities. Specifically, this corporate report is in alignment with the council objective to expand walking, cycling and transit opportunities by building upon the City's Integrated Transportation and Infrastructure Master Plan (TIMP) and by continuing to search out grants for walking/cycling projects throughout the City.

This project is in alignment with the Infrastructure Strategic Priority that identifies that the City plan, build and maintain infrastructure to enhance quality of life and civic service delivery while mitigating and adapting to environmental impacts. Specifically, this project ensures future infrastructure resiliency by making decisions through a long-term lens.

### **OPTIONS / RISKS / ALTERNATIVES**

The following alternate option is available for Council's consideration:

1. Not endorse the submission to the 2025 Active Transportation Fund Grant program. This would not align with Council's strategic priorities and would limit the City's ability to fund this project, impacting the overall project timeline.

**CONCLUSION**

Staff are requesting Council endorsement of the grant submission to the 2025 Active Transportation Fund Grant program for the Centennial Park Bikeway and Multi-Use Path project. This project reflects the City's commitment to fostering a livable city with connected residents and is in alignment with the City's ITIMP.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by,



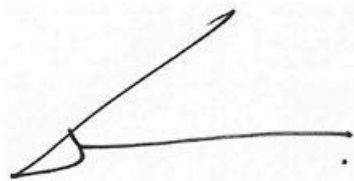
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**Comments from the Chief Administrative Officer**

I concur with the recommendations of this corporate report.



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Chief Administrative Officer