

Wheatland County

Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting

June 2, 2020

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CMRB - South and East Calgary Regional Transportation Study

Recommendation from Administration

THAT Council accepts the South and East Calgary Regional Transportation Study, as presented to the Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board (CMRB), as information.

Chief Administrative Officer's Comments

N/A

Report

The South and East Calgary Regional Transportation Study (S&ECRTS) was initiated by the CMRB through an open competitive proposal in October 2018. It was recently was brought before the Land Use and Servicing Committee and the CMRB Board in May 2020 for discussion. This study was developed to identify and prioritize regionally significant transportation projects in the specified area. The studies considered current planned growth and existing growth conditions. They inform the regional road network component of the Growth and Servicing Plan, which is exploring alternative regional land use scenarios, which may influence future travel demand and thus, transportation priorities. Regional transportation priorities will need to be re-evaluated over time to reflect the Board's growth priorities as established through the Growth and Servicing Plan.

The results of this study may be considered in the upcoming funding program review process in September 2020, and possibly sooner given the province's plans for economic stimulus. The relative ranking of proposed transportation projects will provide benefit to the CMR as a whole and should assist with expediting provincial funding commitments. Of note is that each of the projects listed in the supplemental package are in varying progress stages; some require land acquisition; some have progressed to the design phase and some may be 'shovel-ready'. The status of the projects may become a factor for provincial funding review and decision-making. The list in the supplemental agenda package is not meant to be construed as a consecutive list. It is a list of projects that are regionally significant and are known to benefit the CMR.

More recently, at the May 22 Board meeting, the statistics that were used to project Wheatland County's population growth and employment numbers for ("present day") 2015, through to 2028 and 2039, were amended. In Q4, 2019 and Q1 & 2 of 2020, Wheatland County administration and council had identified that the projections and present day numbers were more than 3 times higher than what is known to be the population and employment within the CMR zone of the County. The CMRB has amended all data to reflect the reality of the County's population and employment more closely. This was done through a Motion at the April 2020 CMRB Board meeting to amend the population projections ("[...]and any other commensurate changes").

Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

Municipal Government Act – Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board Alberta Regulation 190/2017

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

Wheatland County's participation at the Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board as per Alberta Regulation 190/2017.

Response Options

Option 1: THAT the proposed recommendation is accepted/approved.

Option 2: THAT the proposed recommendation is not accepted/approved.

Option 3: THAT an alternate recommendation is accepted/approved.

Implications of Recommendation

General

N/A

Organizational

Ongoing participation at the Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board.

Financial

N/A

Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety

N/A

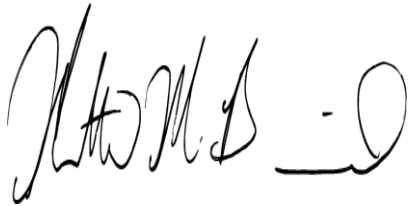
Follow-up Action / Communications

When required, it will be communicated to the CMRB that Wheatland County Council has reviewed the reports.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	CMRB South and East Regional Transportation Information.docx
Attachments:	- South and East Regional Transportation Study - CMRB.pdf
Final Approval Date:	May 25, 2020

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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Matthew Boscarol

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Brian Henderson