

Agenda Item: B.2

Briefing Note

Title **Meadowview Drive Functional Planning Study** To present the findings of the Meadowview Drive Functional Planning Issue Study accepted by the prior Council for information on May 28, 2013 and discuss options moving forward. **Previous Council** May 28, 2013 – Motion 241 / 13 Direction That County Council accepts the Meadowview Drive Functional Planning Study as information, and directs Administration to include this information in future planning. April 9, 2013 – Committee of the Whole presentation to Council after the second Public Open House. January 22, 2013 – Committee of the Whole presentation to Council after the first Public Open House. December 13, 2011 – Motion 511/11 Project approved as part of the 2012 Engineering Services Department Budget.

Report

Background Information

- A copy of the Request for Decision dated May 28, 2013 is attached for reference regarding the Meadowview Drive Functional Planning Study. It provides detailed information on the process to finalize the recommended alignment option.
- This project is currently identified as a "Potential" project in the 4-Stage Capital Plan. There is \$1M allocated for phase 1 Feasibility in 2018. This funding allocation does not include land acquisition.
- During the April 6 7, 2017 Council Workshop, the Meadowview Project was discussed. During the discussion, a member of Council presented the idea of looking at a potentially different alignment.
- Because of the discussion, Administration is bringing forward the project, to present the previous report to Council by ISL Engineering Consultants on May 28, 2013, and to seek direction moving forward.

Administration recommends the following two (2) options for consideration by Council:

Option 1:

1. That Council re-confirm the recommendations of the Functional Planning Study including the road alignment; and

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Option 2:

- 1. That Administration initiate a new Functional Planning Study for the re-alignment of Meadowview Drive that would incorporate the bridge east of Range Road 261A and re-alignment of Range Road 261A due to erosion issues along Sturgeon River; and
- 2. That Council approve \$250,000 for the study which will take one (1) year to complete, and to be included in the 2018 budget.

External Communication:

Two (2) public Open Houses were held on June 28, 2012 and February 12, 2013. See attached Request for Decision dated May 28, 2013.

The preferred alignment recommended in the study was the result of 52% of residents being in support.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

None.

Implication

Strategic Alignment:

- Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership Collaboration with the community.
- Planned Growth Positioning the organization to serve the needs of the community in the face of continued and focused growth.
- Maintaining and Enhancing Strong Communities Focus on engaging residents for feedback on how transportation infrastructure delivers on community expectations.
- Operational Excellence Focus on improving Transportation Services' service levels to Sturgeon County.

Organizational:

There will be no impact to staffing levels.

Financial:

For Option 1:

On July 10, 2017, Administration will bring forward a phased-implementation plan, as well as a funding request for preliminary engineering design. Based on the 2013 study, preliminary engineering could total \$1,000,000.

For Option 2:

Approximately \$250,000 will be required as part of the 2018 Budget to initiate a new functional planning study.

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Follow Up Action

1. Based on Council's direction, Administration will bring forward a plan on July 10, 2017.

Attachment (s)

- 1. Presentation
- 2. Request for Decision May 28, 2013

Report Reviewed

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