

2026-10: CPT Extension and Kenaston Widening

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Resolution: The City of Winnipeg should align transportation infrastructure spending with the targets and priorities of its Transportation Master Plan and climate commitments by prioritizing investment in public transit, active transportation, and mobility options that support mode shift, rather than advancing major road expansion projects such as the Chief Peguis Trail extension and Kenaston Boulevard widening. The Province of Manitoba should support this shift by:

- Strengthening active transportation strategy in the province
- Reintroducing free bus pass and reviewing the current bus routes, to ensure that it is accessible
- Prioritizing funding for sustainable transportation infrastructure, including rapid and frequent transit improvements.

Because: The City of Winnipeg has adopted several forward-looking strategies and plans, including the Transportation Master Plan Winnipeg, the Winnipeg Climate Action Plan, the Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Strategy, and the Active Transportation and Road Safety strategies. These frameworks collectively call for significant mode shift away from private vehicle dependency toward more sustainable and equitable transportation systems. However, these policy goals are not consistently matched with sufficient capital investment, and large-scale road expansion projects continue to receive substantial funding.

Because: Continued investment in road expansion reinforces urban sprawl, increases long-term infrastructure maintenance costs, and locks in higher greenhouse gas emissions. This approach undermines Winnipeg's ability to meet its climate targets and weakens progress toward equity, affordability, and public health goals. In contrast, investment in transit and active transportation improves mobility for low-income residents, reduces household transportation costs, and supports more compact, connected communities.

Because: Winnipeg's capital budget decisions must be fully aligned with its adopted policy frameworks and long-term goals. This requires shifting away from car-centric infrastructure expansion and toward investments that prioritize public transit frequency and reliability, safe and connected active transportation networks, and complete communities. This shift is necessary to ensure that public spending supports long-term sustainability, affordability, and climate resilience rather than reinforcing outdated development patterns.

Because: This resolution directly supports the City of Winnipeg's mandate to be a "*healthy, sustainable city*" as outlined in OurWinnipeg 2045 and related transportation

and climate strategies. It also aligns with provincial commitments under the Manitoba Climate and Green Plan, which emphasize emissions reduction and sustainable infrastructure investment. Prioritizing transit-oriented investment supports affordability, reduces congestion, improves accessibility, and advances long-term fiscal sustainability by reducing lifecycle infrastructure costs

Because: A shift toward transit and complete communities supports Community Economic Development by improving equitable access to employment, education, and services while reducing household transportation costs. It also strengthens local economies by supporting transit-oriented development, small business accessibility, and inclusive mobility systems. A Community Wealth Building approach emphasizes reinvesting public infrastructure spending into systems that generate broad community benefit, local employment, and long-term economic resilience rather than reinforcing car-dependent development patterns.

Because: This resolution advances all four priority areas of the CCEDNet Manitoba Public Policy Road Map:

- Ending Poverty through improved affordable mobility and access to opportunity
- Local & Fair Economies by supporting equitable access to jobs and local business activity
- Tackling Climate Change through reduced emissions and sustainable transportation systems
- Sustainable Community-Led Development by prioritizing complete, connected, and inclusive neighbourhoods

How this Resolution will be Advanced: Transportation and Land Use Coalition Will collaborate with CCEDNet Manitoba, neighbourhood renewal corporations, and community associations to advance this policy. Advocacy efforts will focus on aligning capital budgets with adopted municipal and provincial climate and transportation goals, while building public awareness on the long-term economic, environmental, and social benefits of transit investment. Members can support this work by participating in advocacy efforts, engaging with municipal consultations, and promoting community-based transportation priorities within their networks.