Public Parking Action Plan Development Project

Strategic Policy Review

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Purpose

This document consists of a consolidation of policies related to on-street parking and key city-building policy directions — providing the foundation for Edmonton to strategically manage on-street parking. A review of forthcoming city-building policies in the City Plan established baseline criteria for how future programs and services should be aligned. This approach is in keeping with the City’s Reimagine efforts currently underway in response to COVID-19, which speaks to fiscal responsibility and efficient and effective delivery of municipal services and programs.

Process / Methodology

The policies assembled in this document are limited to a review of City Council’s strategic plan, ConnectEdmonton, and Edmonton’s Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Transportation Master Plan (TMP), the City Plan.

ConnectEdmonton is the City’s ten-year strategic plan that “sets the direction for our future and outlines where we need to change today to realize our vision for Edmonton in 2050.” Given the breadth of scope and importance of this plan, the primary guiding principle and all four strategic goals have been contemplated in this document and will be utilized throughout the Public Parking Action Plan Development Project to ensure alignment with the strategic plan.

The City Plan, being the vehicle for which ConnectEdmonton is realized and implemented, was closely examined to identify policy ‘intentions’ and ‘directions’ that are pertinent to managing curbside and on-street parking areas as strategic public assets. The Project Team undertook a keyword search (with keywords outlined below) in the City Plan to provide an aggregate set of baseline policies for consideration.

The words used include:

- Parking
- Transportation
Once assembled, the results were sorted into three categories: primary, secondary and tertiary policies. This exercise helped to narrow down the search results to best reflect policies that relate to managing on-street parking assets. The categories are further detailed below:

**Primary Policy Category:**

Given that the City Plan is both the MDP and TMP for Edmonton, and given the scope of the Public Parking Action Plan Development Project is to modernize operational approaches to managing on-street parking, the policy ‘direction’ 2.4.2.5 (“Manage parking and curbside space as a strategic public asset”) will be utilized as the primary policy to assess all other policies in the City Plan.

The policies in this category will be utilized throughout the Public Parking Action Plan Development Project to analyze future research and recommended implementation actions. Other related examples of subjects in the primary policy category include:

- The design, function and the use of transportation infrastructure, especially roadways
- Physical connection and accessibility to transportation networks, especially roadways
- Transportation network funding and strategic management

**Secondary Policy Category**

This category captures policies that support or are related to on-street parking management, mobility networks and transportation corridors. The policies in this category will be noted throughout the Public Parking Action Plan Development Project to analyze future research and recommended implementation actions, however may not be as heavily relied upon as the policies in the primary category. Examples of subjects in the secondary policy category include:
● General mobility system-related policies not specifically related to roadways (i.e. active transportation networks, shared-use paths)
● Energy transition and emissions reductions related to the mobility system
● Sustainable development goals of bolstering social, economic and environmental prosperity in relation to the mobility system

**Tertiary Policy Category**

This category captures policies that may contain transportation and mobility language, however do not directly or indirectly relate to managing on-street parking as a strategic asset. The policies through this category will be noted for transparency purposes, but will not be utilized to analyze future research and recommended implementation actions. Examples of adjacent subjects captured in the tertiary category include:

● Location-specific policy direction related to mobility networks (do this at this location)
● Regional, provincial or national policy considerations related to mobility networks

A review by the Project Team and Public Parking Implementation Advisory Group (the Advisory Group) will be facilitated to assess the major themes and any clear desired outcomes arising from these policies.

**Limitations**

The set of policies extracted from the City Plan to be further analyzed as part of this document was specifically done so utilizing a keyword search through the [City Plan Search Dashboard](#). While a variety of pertinent keywords were utilized to undertake this search, it is important to note that it was not an exhaustive list, which may or may not have resulted in some policies not referenced.
Key Policy Document Review

ConnectEdmonton

Guiding Principle

The guiding principle unifies our work. It ensures that we make strategically consistent choices as we work to achieve our goals.

Strategic Goals

ConnectEdmonton is divided into four strategic goals that, together, establish the overall vision for Edmonton until 2028.

Healthy City

Edmonton is a neighbourly city with community and personal wellness that embodies and promotes equity for all Edmontonians.

Urban Places

Edmonton neighbourhoods are more vibrant as density increases, where people and businesses thrive and where housing and mobility options are plentiful.

Regional Prosperity

Edmonton grows prosperity for our Metro Region by driving innovation, competitiveness and relevance for our businesses at the local and global level.

Climate Resilience

Edmonton is a city transitioning to a low-carbon future, has clean air and water and is adapting to a changing climate.

City Plan

The City Plan, Edmonton's new Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Transportation Master Plan (TMP) will guide Edmonton into the future by providing policy direction to welcome an additional million Edmontonians to the city. This policy direction simultaneously sets a course for the city to
achieve the strategic goals in City Council’s Strategic Plan, ConnectEdmonton. Furthermore, the City Plan is a cornerstone and guiding document for how the City of Edmonton responds to the COVID-19 pandemic, as its policies have centered the City’s Reimagine efforts, which are currently underway.

**Primary Policies**

1.3.3.5 - Prioritize transportation investments and operations for people experiencing vulnerability.

2.1.1.2 - Design, build, maintain and operate public infrastructure to facilitate movement and universal accessibility in all seasons.

2.2.1.1 - Design and retrofit street layouts to facilitate intensification and ongoing adaptability.

2.3.2.5 - Maximize the efficiency of the existing mobility network through a holistic analysis of system capacity and targeted infrastructure improvements.

2.4.2.3 - Encourage and support emerging mobility technologies in alignment with a compact, livable community.

2.4.2.4 - Design roadways and manage road rights-of-way to be adaptable to future mobility and land use needs.

**2.4.2.5 - Manage parking and curbside space as a strategic public asset.**

3.2.1 - Ensure that development and public infrastructure is designed to support a vibrant local economy and competitive business environment.

3.2.1.5 - Adapt public infrastructure to respond to disruptive change.

4.1 - Edmonton advances equity through access to universally accessible spaces, services, facilities and transportation networks.
4.1.1.2 - Enable emerging technologies and shared transportation models that reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicle use.

4.1.2.3 - Design, operate and maintain the mobility system so people are safe and secure.

4.2.1 - Ensure that transportation investment supports urban intensification and diversification.

4.2.1.3 - Adapt City operations, equipment and infrastructure to contribute to intensification.

4.2.2.2 - Strategically locate Park and Ride facilities at existing and future end of line mass transit stations and near the transportation utility corridor.

4.2.2.4 - Design transportation infrastructure that is intuitive and user friendly.

Secondary Policies

1.4.1 - Support Edmontonians' transition to a low carbon future in their daily lives.

1.4.1.2 - Design and deliver mass transit and active network infrastructure to enable energy efficient mobility

2.1.2 - Support the physical and mental health of Edmontonians by integrating housing, services, amenities and natural systems with active transportation networks.

2.1.2.2 - Provide safe, comfortable and direct active transportation connections between neighbourhoods, community facilities and schools.

4.1.1 - Support inviting and inclusive transportation options for Edmontonians of all ages, abilities, and incomes.
4.1.1.3 - Respond to gaps in the mobility system to improve accessibility and safety.

4.1.2.4 - Reduce fatalities and serious injuries in the mobility system.

4.1.3.4 - Connect districts to one other through a diverse range of transportation options.

4.2 - Edmontonians live closer to what they need and are supported by walkable communities, active transportation networks and greater connectivity across all travel modes.

4.2.1.2 - Plan and design of active transportation and transit networks in support of nodes and corridors.

4.2.2.3 - Integrate transit facilities with active transportation networks and include supportive amenities.

4.2.3 - Ensure active transportation networks serve a variety of purposes including recreation, commuting, commerce and fun.

4.2.3.1 - Develop a coordinated network of pathways throughout the city that supports active transportation and recreation in connection with Edmonton's river valley, open spaces and regional connections.

4.2.3.2 - Provide opportunities for universal accessibility within the active transportation network.

4.3 - Edmonton's mobility system connects residents and businesses, creating opportunities and building partnerships throughout the region.

4.3.1 - Ensure that the mobility system enables the efficient movement of people and goods within Edmonton and the Metropolitan Region.

4.3.1.3 - Enable and expand non-residential opportunities by strategically investing in transportation infrastructure.
4.4 - Edmontonians benefit from improved public transit and high quality active transportation networks which reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

4.4.1 - Support a low carbon mobility system.

4.4.1.1 - Encourage a shift to transit and active transportation options.

_Tertiary Policies_

2.2.1 - Promote compact, mixed use development within districts that supports equitable access to employment, education and amenities.

2.2.3.2 - Preserve and strengthen the role of Centre City as Edmonton’s principal employment and residential node, regional economic and mobility hub, urban and traditional meeting place and celebration space.

3.3.3 - Support the provision of a regional transportation system which attracts investment and provides access to businesses throughout the region and larger Alberta economy.

3.3.3.1 - Collaborate with regional partners to plan and invest in transportation infrastructure and services in support of an integrated regional and provincial economy.

4.2.2.1 - Incorporate mobility hubs in select Nodes (see map 7 - Mass Transit Network).

4.2.2.5 - Collaborate with regional neighbours to incorporate integrated transportation navigation and payment systems to ensure people can move seamlessly.

4.2.3.3 - Develop and maintain safe, high quality cycling infrastructure and facilities (see map 6 - Active Transportation Network).

4.2.3.4 - Improve active transportation connections between city and regional destinations.
4.3.1.1 - Enable a comprehensive and adaptive urban freight environment to serve goods movement, services and delivery while mitigating negative community, environmental and safety impacts (see map 8 - Roadway and Goods Movement Network).

6.3.3.4 - Advance Edmonton's role as a major transportation, logistics, and employment hub within the national and international economies.

**Policy Themes**

- Manage municipal assets in a strategic manner
- Promote access to and through the mobility system through various modes of transportation
- Prioritize equity by ensuring mobility systems can be accessed by everyone, regardless of housing context or demography
- Accommodate and support vulnerable populations through investments to public transportation infrastructure
- Demonstrate adaptability by accommodating and supporting emerging technologies
- Support the intensification of urban places
- Support the local economy, businesses, and other commercial activity by connecting places with people
- Encourage mode shift by providing more opportunities for alternative modes of transportation, including transit and active transportation

**Next Steps**

This work establishes the policy foundation for which the Parking Action Plan development and implementation will be founded. It provides the baseline criteria for which programs and initiatives emerging from the current practices review and jurisdictional scan will be assessed (i.e. through a gap analysis); and will help in determining a set of proposed actions that Administration should consider to modernize the public parking management approach in Edmonton. This approach will be outlined in the Public Parking Action Plan.