

Active Transportation Advisory Group (ATAG)

May 27, 2024 from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Hybrid – Committee Room E, City Hall and Microsoft Teams

In Attendance

Community Representatives:

	Name	Representing
✖	Adam Bue	Cycling
✓	Mark Closson	People of all ages (senior)
✖	Abe Eazadi	Business Community
✓	Lisa Franks	People of all abilities
✖	Jasmine Liska	Resident
✓	Michael Painchaud	Post-secondary
✓	Tyler Rittinger	Elementary or high school
✓	Stephanie (Steph) Siemens	Resident
✖	Curtis Standing	Indigenous Community
✖	Lucille Stobbe	People of all ages (youth)
✓	Bonnie Zink	Walking
	VACANT	Public Transit user

Organization Representatives:

	Name	Representing
✓	Verna Gallen	Walking Saskatoon
✓	Cora Janzen	Saskatchewan Health Authority
✓	Kelly Klassen	Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI)
✓	Alan Otterbein	Meewasin Valley Authority
✖	Darby Sutherland	Discover Saskatoon
✓	Merlin Toth	Saskatoon Cycles

City of Saskatoon:

	Name	Representing
✓	Danae Balogun	Active Transportation Program Manager
✓	Nathalie Baudais	Engineering Manager, Transportation
✓	Carly Grassing	Transportation Engineer
✓	Isaac Dankwah	Public Engagement Consultant (chair)
✖	Councillor Dubois	City Council
✖	Sharon Cybulski	Assistant to the Director of Transportation (recorder)

✓ = in-person attendance; ✓v = virtual attendance; ✖ = regrets

1. Welcome and Housekeeping

Isaac Dankwah welcomed everyone and acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on Treaty 6 territory and the traditional homelands of the Métis. Meeting started at 3:35 p.m.

2. Review and Approve March Meeting Minutes

Minutes were accepted as circulated.

3. Membership Updates

The public transit representative, Berenice Romero, is stepping down from the committee so a call for a new representative will be made.

Members are invited to submit their resignation at this time as well if they wish to make a change.

4. AT Plan Refresh

A consultant will be hired through a request for proposal process (RFP).

Standards and best practices have changed since the AT Plan was developed in 2016. AT Plan Refresh is an opportunity to make sure the plan still reflects community priorities and to keep the plan relevant and actionable.

Committee members were asked to consider the following questions in advance of today's meeting:

- What has changed or what new information has emerged (within your organization or generally) since 2016 that should be considered in the updated plan?
- What is working well with active transportation in Saskatoon? What could be improved?
 - Intersections and crossing of intersections on raised bikeways or multi-use pathways.
 - Taking climate change into account with planning. Have some kind of audit to enable us to mitigate climate change.
 - Increased traffic on the Meewasin Trail.
 - More electric devices on the Meewasin Trail.
 - Transportation equity for modes.
 - Equity for growing number of the population in the community who don't own a vehicle so need to ensure they can get around the community.

Fostering relationship and greater understanding of the different transportation users (cyclists, pedestrians, motorists).

Transportation Master Plan will need to be updated to align with the strategic plan of the new City Council.

The feedback from the members will be taken into consideration when the RFP is finalized. The RFP is planned to be issued at the end of this year. The goal is to have the refreshed AT Plan approved and adopted in 2026. The consultant who is awarded the contract would have approximately 18 months to do the work.

5. Project Updates

Planning Projects

- Circle Drive Shared-Use Pathway Feasibility Study – reviewing final report.
- Millar Avenue Walking and Cycling Improvements – project underway, second engagement event tentatively scheduled for June 25.
- Victoria Avenue Planning Study (Taylor Street to Ruth Street) – completed project kick-off with consultant, first engagement event tentatively planned for late June or early July.
- BYXE Street Team – launched May 11-12, will be at numerous events and locations throughout the summer. Street team was at the Sask Marathon and have been out in the parks, on the Meewasin trails. They are in bright blue jackets and neon orange t-shirts.
- AT Education Campaign – working on content and graphics.

AT Construction Projects

- Dudley Street – construction started May 13.
- ICIP Sidewalks – construction starts soon.
- Ramps – ramps planned for a stretch of Main Street and stretch of Avenue J.
- APS installs – meet with the low vision community to talk about prioritization system and locations.
- Neighbourhood Bikeway Speed Limit Sign Installations – occur throughout the summer. Speed limits take effect on July 5, 2024.
- 14th Street / Cumberland Avenue Curb Extensions – aligning work with Water and Sewer work scheduled for 2025.
- Warman and Assiniboine Rail Crossing – construction planned for 2024.

AT Program Reports

- Council April 2024
 - College Drive and Wiggins Avenue Safety Audit
- Council May 2024
 - Opportunities for Rapid Deployment for Safety Improvements on Active Transportation Routes – May Update
 - Connecting 2nd / 3rd Avenue Walking, Cycling, Driving Improvements

6. Next Meeting and Closing

There will be an optional one-hour virtual meeting to go over the AT education campaign, aiming for the week of June 10.

Upcoming regular ATAG meetings:

- July or August – visiting the Dudley Street walking/cycling construction site.
- Week of September 8 in-person/virtual.

Isaac will send Doodle polls to determine exact meeting dates.

Appreciation was extended to everyone for their participation in today's meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

