

Central LRT Station Rehabilitation

Recommendation:

That Capital Profile 12-66-1271 Central LRT Station, be decreased by \$10.614 million, and that the \$10.614 million be allocated to Capital Profile 12-66-1020 Arterial Roadway Rehabilitation.

Report Summary

This report is requesting that \$10.614 million be moved from Capital Profile 12-66-1271 Central LRT Station to Capital Profile 12-66-1020 Arterial Roadway Rehabilitation.

Report

Based on the results of the preliminary design for the Central LRT station, the cost estimate from the project has decreased from \$54.614 million to \$44 million. On this basis, and the fact that the source of funding for this work is Provincial fuel tax, it is recommended that the savings be redirected to restore funding in the arterial roadway rehabilitation program. This is consistent with both eligibility for use of fuel tax and reinvesting rehabilitation savings to other priority rehabilitation projects.

The Central LRT station rehabilitation project includes a major rehabilitation of both the station interior and the roof of the station (Jasper Avenue). Rehabilitation of existing streetscape elements is also included, along with additional funding for enhancements of the streetscape compatible with the Jasper Avenue vision. All elements of

the project, with the exception of the enhanced streetscape are eligible for Provincial fuel tax. The original station construction in the late 1970's requires major rehabilitation consistent with the life cycle of the investment. Earlier work completed on Churchill Station addressed a number of similar issues to those being experienced at Central Station.

In accordance with project management practices, the project has gone through preliminary design before moving to construction approval, which is being requested through this budget process. The preliminary design has identified a savings of \$10.614 million within the rehabilitation components of the project, which allows for the release of \$10.614 million Provincial fuel tax for reallocation, primarily in 2013.

In accordance with eligibility criteria for Provincial fuel tax (must be used on eligible transportation projects), and the principles for Capital Budget development outlined to City Council in June, the priority for rehabilitation funding would be to utilize this funding for arterial roadway rehabilitation. The benefit of this reinvestment is that it will allow the reinstatement of an unfunded roadway reconstruction project (112 Avenue east of Wayne Gretzky Drive), and additional mill and overlay work, both of which will ensure that pavement condition ratings are maintained.

Corporate Outcomes

- The Way We Move – Shift Edmonton's Transportation Modes
- The Way We Live – Improve Edmonton's Liveability

Budget/Financial Implications

Capital Profile 12-66-1271 as presented in the 2012-2014 Capital Budget to City Council has been amended to \$44 million, a decrease of \$10.614 million.

The recommended source of funding for this project is provincial fuel tax. This funding has been transferred to Capital Profile 12-66-1020 (Arterial Roadway Rehabilitation).

Justification of Recommendation

Based on the results of the preliminary design for Central LRT station the cost estimate from the project has decreased by \$10.614 million. The addition of the \$10.614 million to arterial roadway rehabilitation will reinstate an unfunded roadway reconstruction project (112 Avenue east of Wayne Gretzky) to ensure pavement condition ratings are maintained.

Attachments

1. Capital Profile 12-66-1271 – Central LRT Station Rehabilitation
2. Capital Profile 12-66-1020 Arterial Roadway Rehabilitation

Others Reviewing this Report

- L. Rosen, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer