PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT BRANCH PROJECT SUMMARY

BRANCH: Transportation Planning	UNIT: Transportation Strategic Planning
SUBJECT: New Sidewalk Program (missing links)	
LOCATION: Bel-Air Dr, from Garfield Rd to Garfield Rd (N side)	
WARD : 8	COUNCILLOR: Rick Chiarelli
FILE NUMBER:	REPORT AUTHOR : Robert Charbonneau

PROJECT:

New sidewalk installations.

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF WORKS:

The proposed project is for a new sidewalk to be installed on Bel-Air Dr to complete the missing link in the pedestrian network. This new sidewalk will be approximately 480m long and conform to city sidewalk design standards, minimum 1.8 m width and constructed of concrete. The proposed sidewalk will connect with the sidewalk at the west intersections of Bel-Air Dr & Garfield Rd and will terminate at the east intersection of Bel-Air Dr & Garfield Rd. The sidewalk will be located adjacent to the travel portion of the roadway consistent with the existing character of the roadway.

EXISTING CONDITIONS:

The Transportation Master Plan classifies Bel-Air Dr as a local road. Currently, there is an existing sidewalk, which provides a primary link to J H Putman Middle School and École Secondaire Charlotte-Lemieux, on the north side of the mid-block located directly west of the proposed sidewalk. Garfield Park is located in the vicinity of the proposed sidewalk. There is also a pathway, which runs off the south side of Bel-Air Dr, that connects with green space. Woodroffe Ave is a transit route and is located within 400m of Bel-Air Dr.

JUSTIFICATION:

The construction of the proposed sidewalk would complete a missing link in the sidewalk network and provide connections to the transit facilities, J H Putman Middle School, École Secondaire Charlotte-Lemieux, Garfield Park and the pathway. The proposed sidewalk would also enhance pedestrian safety by providing a completely dedicated pedestrian facility removed from the shared use of the roadway.

COMPLIANCE/AUTHORITY:

The City is committed, through policies of both the Official Plan and Transportation Master Plan, to emphasize the creation of pedestrian-friendly environments and to changing public travel choices to reduce dependence on the automobile through the promotion of walking and provision of walking infrastructure to reach sustainable transportation objectives under the Transportation Demand Management program. The provision of new sidewalk links is key to addressing the needs of pedestrians and improving access and safety, with an emphasis on completing missing links in the existing sidewalk network along transit routes that provide access to schools, public/recreational facilities and other pedestrian generators.

COORDINATION EFFORTS:

Opportunities for coordination will be reviewed. Circulations as per City practice.

CONSULTATION:

The public will be consulted prior to construction via community notices and communication with the Councillor's office.

COST ESTIMATE:

It is estimated that the proposed project will cost \$180,000.00.

MAP: New Sidewalk installation, Bel-Air Dr, from Garfield Ave to Garfield Ave

