PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT BRANCH PROJECT SUMMARY

BRANCH : Transportation Planning	UNIT: Transportation Strategic Planning
SUBJECT: New Sidewalk Program (missing links)	
LOCATION : Fisher Ave, from Viewmount Dr to Prince of Wales Dr (W side)	
WARD : 16	COUNCILLOR: Maria McRae
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 Fisher Ave to complete the missing link in the pedestrian network. This new sidewalk will be approximately 400m 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 intersection of Fisher Ave & Viewmount Dr and will terminate at the intersection of Prince of Wales Dr & Fisher Ave. 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 Fisher Ave as an arterial road. Along the existing sidewalk on the east side of Fisher Ave, there is a commercial area, which includes stores, restaurants, an animal hospital and a dental office. On the west side of Fisher Ave, where the sidewalk is being proposed, there is a church. Transit is located within 400 metres of the proposed sidewalk.

JUSTIFICATION:

The construction of the proposed sidewalk would complete a missing link in the sidewalk network and provide connections to the transit facilities, the church and the commercial area. 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 \$150,000.00.

MAP: New Sidewalk installation, Fisher Ave, from Viewmount Dr to Prince of Wales Dr

