

**PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT BRANCH  
PROJECT SUMMARY**

<b>BRANCH:</b> Transportation Planning	<b>UNIT:</b> Transportation Strategic Planning
<b>SUBJECT:</b> New Sidewalk Program (missing links)	
<b>LOCATION:</b> Knoxdale Rd, from Gibbard Ave to Skipton Rd (South)	
<b>WARD:</b> 9	<b>COUNCILLOR:</b> Gord Hunter
<b>FILE NUMBER:</b>	<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b> Robert Charbonneau

**PROJECT:**

New sidewalk installations.

**LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF WORKS:**

The proposed project is for a new sidewalk to be installed on Knoxdale Rd to complete the missing link in the pedestrian network. This new sidewalk will be approximately 310m long and conform to city sidewalk design standards, minimum 1.8 m width and constructed of concrete. The proposed sidewalk will connect to the existing sidewalks at the intersections of Skipton Rd & Knoxdale Rd and Gibbard Ave & Knoxdale Rd. It 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 Knoxdale Rd as a minor collector road. There is an existing sidewalk on the north side of Knoxdale Rd, where Pope John XXIII Catholic School is located. Ben Franklin Park East and Ben Franklin Park West are located along the south side of Knoxdale Rd, where the proposed sidewalk is situated. A sidewalk would also create a link to the adjacent pathway leading into the parks. Knoxdale Rd is a transit route with a bus stop along the proposed sidewalk.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The proposed sidewalk would provide access to transit for pedestrians and would link the community to the parks located along Knoxdale Rd. It 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 \$116,250.00.

**MAP:** New Sidewalk installation, Knoxdale Rd, from Gibbard Ave to Skipton Rd

