

**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> Merivale Rd, from Caldwell Ave to Baseline Rd	
<b>WARD:</b> 16	<b>COUNCILLOR:</b> Maria McRae
<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 Merivale Rd to complete the missing link in the pedestrian network. This new sidewalk will be approximately 800m long and conform to city sidewalk design standards, minimum 1.8 m width and constructed of concrete. The proposed sidewalk will connect to the intersection of Merivale Rd & Baseline Rd on the south side and will connect to the sidewalks at Caldwell Ave and Merivale Rd on the north side. 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 Merivale Rd as a arterial road. There is an existing sidewalk on the west side of this roadway, where there is a small commercial area, office buildings and an adjacent multi-use pathway. On the east side of Merivale Rd, where the experimental farm is located, there are several bus stops, which aren't easily accessible to pedestrians. Also located in the immediate vicinity on Central Park Dr is Celebration Park.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The construction of the proposed sidewalk would complete a missing link in the sidewalk network and provide a connection for the local community to the transit facilities on the east side of Merivale Rd. 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 \$300,000.00.

**MAP: New Sidewalk installation, Merivale Rd, from Caldwell Ave to Baseline Rd**

