

**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> Athlone Ave, from Richmond Rd to Scott St	
<b>WARD:</b> 15	<b>COUNCILLOR:</b> Christine Leadman
<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 Athlone Ave to complete the missing link in the pedestrian network. This new sidewalk will be approximately 295m long and conform to city sidewalk design standards, minimum 1.8 m width and constructed of concrete. The proposed sidewalk will connect with the sidewalks at the intersection of Richmond Rd & Scott St on the south side and the signalized intersection of Scott St & Athlone Ave on the north side. 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 Athlone Ave as a local road. Currently, there are no existing sidewalks on this road. This sidewalk would create a link to the Westboro transit station on the north end of the road. Also located within the vicinity of Athlone Ave (within 400m) are Lion's Park, a senior citizens centre, public institutions, stores and office buildings.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The construction of the proposed sidewalk would complete a missing link in the sidewalk network and provide connections to the transit facilities, parks, stores, institutions and the senior citizens centre. 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 \$110,625.00.

**MAP:** New Sidewalk installation, Athlone Ave, from Richmond Rd to Scott St.

