

**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> Baseline Rd, from Fisher Ave to Prince of Wales Dr (N Side)	
<b>WARD:</b> 16	<b>COUNCILLOR:</b> Maria McRae
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**PROJECT:**

New sidewalk installations.

**LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF WORKS:**

The proposed project is for a new sidewalk to be installed on Baseline 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 existing sidewalk at the intersection of Prince of Wales Dr & Baseline Rd and Fisher Ave & Baseline 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 Baseline Rd as an arterial road. There is an existing sidewalk on the south side of Baseline Rd. On the north side of Baseline Rd, there are bus stops, which aren't easily accessible by pedestrians. At the corner of Prince of Wales Dr and Fisher Ave, there is a small commercial area, which includes stores, restaurants and public institutes such as a dental office and a clinic. On Prince of Wales Dr, there are office buildings.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The construction of the proposed sidewalk would complete a missing link in the sidewalk network and provide a connection from the local community and employment centres to the transit facilities on the north side of Baseline 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, Baseline Rd, from Prince of Wales Dr to Fisher Ave



**LEGEND**

- Proposed Sidewalk
- Existing Sidewalk
- Existing Pathway
- Bus Route
- Bus Stop
- Primary School
- Lexington Park
- National Experimental Farm