



**TITLE:** Accessible Traffic Signals

**DATE:** October 23, 2025

**TO:** Executive Committee

**PUBLIC:** X

**INCAMERA:**

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That this report be received as information and filed.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Many cities across Canada are moving towards accessible, active transportation infrastructure such as audible and vibro-tactile pedestrian push buttons to create vibrant, pedestrian friendly communities. The Department of Public Works and Community Development Department have been in frequent consultation to begin to plan for strategic, accessible corridors throughout the City and have applied for a federal infrastructure grant to secure funding that includes audible and vibro-tactile push buttons.

### **PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:**

Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) include audible and vibro-tactile buttons that aid pedestrians of all abilities in safely crossing the street. Other municipalities such as the City of Saskatoon and City of Regina have begun installed APS at many of their signalized intersections (Figure 1: Accessible Pedestrian Push Button (Saskatoon)).



*Figure 1: Accessible Pedestrian Push Button (Saskatoon)*

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The City is continuing to work on the Prince Albert Accessibility Plan, which in 2026, pending funding, will include an Active Transportation and Transit Masterplan. This will include a strategic approach for the implementation of accessible infrastructure corridors in key locations throughout the City. It will also define the accessibility requirements for any new traffic signals and pedestrian crossings to aid in accessible design and procurement moving forward. Lastly, this approach will allow for the deliberate installation of audible and vibro-tactile pedestrian crossings in locations that may be completed with other accessibility enhancements such as widened walkways and pedestrian ramps, tactile walking surface indicators, accessible transit infrastructure and walkway maintenance.

The cost to upgrade a typical 4-legged signalized intersection to have audible and vibro-tactile push buttons has a material cost of approximately \$12,000. Community Development in consultation with the Department of Public Works has applied for a federal infrastructure grant with the intent to allocate funding towards this initiative. The City anticipates to be informed of the funding decision in early 2026.

**BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no budget implications for this report.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Public Notice pursuant to the Public Notice Bylaw No. 24 of 2015 is not required.

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