

Staff Report

Presented By: Ruhul Amin, Manager Engineering Services
Meeting Date: November 24, 2025
Subject: Highway 21 Southampton Resurfacing Design
Attachment(s): Hwy 21 Resurfacing PIC Display Boards and Drawings
Parking Memo

Recommendation

That Council receive the Highway 21 Resurfacing Design report for information.

Report Summary

The Town of Saugeen Shores has retained R. J. Burnside & Associates Limited to provide engineering design services for the planned Resurfacing of Highway 21 from South Street to Craig Street Project. This report presents Burnside's design recommendations to Council for information.

Background/Analysis

The Town of Saugeen Shores has received \$3M in funding (representing 90% of the total estimated project cost) through the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) Connecting Links Program to complete Resurfacing of Highway 21 from South Street to Craig Street, encompassing Albert Street, Railway Street, and North Rankin Street in Southampton. The total project length is approximately 5.5 km. The Town's contribution of \$330,000 (10% of the project cost) has already been approved in the 2025 Capital Budget.

As part of the project scope, Burnside completed preliminary and detailed design. Town Engineering staff have reviewed Burnside's proposed design and are satisfied with the recommendations.

Public Consultation:

A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on November 6 and was well attended by both residents and local businesses. Overall, attendees expressed satisfaction with the proposed parking plan on Highway 21 and appreciated the extended left-turn storage for northbound to westbound movements at High Street.

Proposed Improvements:

- Asphalt resurfacing along Railway Street/Albert Street/North Rankin Street (Highway 21) from South Street to Craig Street excluding Zgaa-biig-ni-gan Bridge and the Turner Street intersection to improve rideability.
- Provide 1.2m Paved Shoulders from South Street to Peel Street.
- Provide 1.8m Paved Shoulders from Division to Craig Street.
- Revise pavement markings to facilitate increased number of permanent and seasonal parking opportunities, left turn storage and safer road crossings.
- Replace three deteriorating road crossing culverts between South Street and Peel Street.
- Replace deteriorating Water Boxes, Water Valves and Fire Hydrants.
- Install Decorative Banner Poles to enhance entrance to the Downtown.
- Provide opportunities to plant approximately 100 native trees along the rural ROW portions.

Proposed Pavement Marking:

New pavement markings will be provided to delineate continuous 3.5m wide traffic lanes throughout the entire road corridor while providing the following improvements/additions:

- Additional 12 permanent and 36 Seasonal parallel parking spaces (see attached Parking Memo for detail and rationale). Note that seasonal parking areas would be delineated using a solid white line to separate the parking area from the through traffic lane. Individual spaces will not be painted in these areas to avoid confusion during the off season when parking is not permitted. Additional signage will be required to ensure vehicles park sufficient distances from intersections, commercial driveways, pedestrian crossings and fire hydrants in the seasonal parking areas proposed.
- Improve signage for the Lansdowne Street pedestrian crossing.
- Increase Left Turning Lane vehicle storage onto High Street from Highway 21 northbound.

Next Steps:

Project Task	Estimated Dates
Finalize Tender Package including Design Drawings	January 30, 2026
Advertise for Construction	February 02, 2026
Anticipated Construction Start	March 30, 2026
Anticipated Construction Completion	June 26, 2026

Conclusion:

The project is scheduled to be tendered early next year, with the goal of completing construction before the busy tourist season. Burnside’s project manager is in attendance this evening and is available to respond to any questions from Council. Please note that minor design and timing

adjustments may still be made as the project progresses, and final approval from the MTO will be required.

Linkages

- Strategic Plan Alignment: Pillar 1: Meeting the Needs of a Growing Community
- Business Plan Alignment: Development Services Major Initiative

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding

Cost associated with this program are contained within the existing budget.

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