
2005 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE: Car Free Day Community Events – Funding

Issue/Background:

The Works Committee, at its meeting on January 5 and 6, 2005, during consideration of the Transportation Services 2005 Operating Budget, adopted a number of recommendations with respect to a proposed Car Free Day.

The Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services was requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee on a source of funding for the \$75,000 recommended to be allocated equally for local community events in the North, East and West Districts of the City as part of Car Free Day. (This is in addition to the \$110,000 the Works Committee recommended for the Queen Street closure for Car Free Day that is to be funded by reducing the Capital from Current allocation to Transportation's Capital Budget).

This briefing note identifies a potential funding source for the \$75,000.

Key Issues:

Transportation Services' 2005 EMT Recommended Budget for roadway maintenance contains \$2.5 million for repairs to potholes. During 2004 a total of 53,000 potholes were repaired. It is estimated that the average cost for potholes repairs in 2005 will be about \$50.00 per pothole.

Should the recommended \$75,000 for Car Free Day community events be allocated from the Division's budget for pothole repairs, the balance of funding available for this purpose in 2005 would reduce the number of potholes that could be repaired City-wide by about 1,500.

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 Budget Advisory Committee

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