

Date: November 22, 2025
To: Mayor & Members of Council
From: Councillor Cooper
Subject: Proposed Budget Amendment – Lower Main Street
Permanent Road Closure

Mover: Councillor Cooper

Seconded: Councillor Roberts

Proposed Budget Amendment for Council to Consider:

That Council approve the addition of \$30,000 to the 2025 Operating budget to undertake additional analysis (Traffic Impact Study and Environics Data Collection) in support of further investigation of a permanent closure of lower Main Street, to be funded as a one-time operating cost.

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Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

The incredibly successful seasonal road closure of the lower section of Main St has received overwhelming support from the community and Downtown Cambridge BIA, hosting numerous attractions such as family fun days, live music, latin dance nights, markets, children’s activities, and many more community building and tourist-friendly activities. Creating a year-round pedestrian-friendly gathering area would open this area to a myriad of tourism friendly, community-building possibilities. This amendment builds on the September 17, 2024 direction approved by Council for this initiative to come forward as part of the 2025 Budget and Business Plan. The amendment would have an impact of 0.02% on the tax levy for 2025.

Budget Impact:

\$30,000

- Budget Additions

Other information related to budget impact:

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✓ Approved by the City Clerk