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Road extension plan from '80s could be shelved for walkway

A pedestrian walkway in Orléans might make more sense than a decades-old proposed road extension, the planning and environmental committee heard Tuesday.

A road extension linking Centrum Boulevard to St.

Joseph Boulevard west of Prestone Drive has been in the city's official plan since 1987, but Orléans Councillor Bob Monette said residents, many of them seniors, would rather have a pedestrian and cycling path.

The committee voted to revisit the issue and agreed to launch a process of deleting the proposed extension.

"All we're saying is, 'The decision that has been made in the 1980s, does it still fit today?'" Monette said. "Let's have that dialogue and see where we go with it."

Public consultations on the issue are expected to begin in August.