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2006 City Planning Budget Briefing Note

- Issue:**
- To report back to Budget Advisory Committee on the details of the proposed 2006 Civic Improvement Capital Projects, and
 - To provide additional information on the Project Selection Criteria.
- Background:**
- Civic improvement projects arise out of opportunities to enhance on-going capital investments in the City's public realm, primarily its streets, parks, open spaces and public buildings. The projects typically include streetscape improvements (such as special paving, widened sidewalks, tree planting and landscaping), the creation of special features (such as plazas, fountains, gardens and interpretative displays) and naturalization programs.
 - Civic improvement streetscape projects are closely linked with the Transportation Services roadway and sidewalk annual capital works program, both by specific street location and timing of the city tendering cycle deadlines through the current budget year.
 - A large number of such projects meet the policy criteria adopted by Council in October 2004, (Appendix 1). However, the civic improvement capital budget is modest and can only accommodate six or seven projects across the whole city, every year as further determined by the detailed project criteria.
 - The Transportation capital program is often subject to modifications, which arise due to a number of technical and scheduling reasons. It is, therefore, important for the Civic Improvement Program to maintain a longer list of tentative locations, which will allow for efficient and timely co-ordination with Transportation and necessary substitutions to meet the city tendering cycle deadlines.
 - A list of proposed 2006 Capital Projects: Places and Routes is attached as Appendix 2.

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Appendix 1: Project Criteria and Policy Criteria for Inclusion as Civic Improvement Projects

Project Criteria

1. project is listed in the current year Transportation Capital Works Program, especially high priority projects as: TTC Track Replacement, Major Reconstruction, Major Resurfacing, Local Reconstruction, Local Resurfacing, Bridge Refurbishment;
2. project conforms to the policies and priorities set out in the current Official Plan, 2002 as: 'Avenues, Centres, Downtown/Central Waterfront, or other special study area, and projects are geographically distributed between the four city Districts;
3. project supports the civic improvement program policy document: Building the Beautiful City: Places, Routes, Districts - Strategic Opportunities for Civic Improvements, 2004; and
4. project has community based support through Secondary Plans, Community Improvement Plans, Section 37 funding, or other community based partnerships.

Policy Criteria

1. support the efforts of the Roundtable on a Beautiful City by enhancing the quality of the public realm;
2. implement the built-form policies of the Official Plan and contribute to the Plan's "Great City Campaigns";
3. support related local planning initiatives and the efforts of other City department and agencies to improve the attractiveness or beautification of the City as a place in which to live, work and invest;
4. advance the objectives of creating a safer and more environmentally sustainable City;
5. realize partnering opportunities between the City and the private sector for funding and construction;
6. engage public and community involvement in the conception, development, implementation and maintenance of the project, and
7. contribute to the coordination of City departments and agencies in the timely and cost-effective implementation of capital works projects that reflect Council Term Priorities.

Appendix 2:

CITY PLANNING: CAPITAL REQUEST: 2006

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Places, Routes

2006: 7 Projects	\$ 1,629,000
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2006: List of Selected Projects: PLACES & ROUTES

PLACES

District – Street	Description - Justification	Funding
S. Bay St.	at Davenport Rd.: Reconstruction	125,000
S. Dupont St.	Ossington to Christie: Resurfacing	104,000

SubTotal: 2 Projects	229,000
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ROUTES

E.	Warden Ave.	St. Clair to Eglinton: Resurfacing	100,000
N.	Avenue Rd.	Lawrence to Wilson: Reconstruction: Phase 2	450,000
N.	Beecroft Rd.	Ellerslie to Finch: New Extension of NYC Ring Rd.	150,000
S.	Parliament St.	CN Rail to Adelaide: Reconstruction, TTC Track	250,000
W.	The Queensway	S. Kingsway to Claude: Reconstruction: Phase 2	450,000
SubTotal: 5 Projects			1,400,000
TOTAL: Places and Routes			1,629,000

2006: List of Potential Substitution Projects

PLACES

District	Street	Description – Justification
E.	Ellesmere Rd.	Warden to Kennedy: Infrastructure Enhancement
E.	Meadowvale Rd.	Lawrence to Lawson: Local Reconstruction
S.	Dovercourt Rd.	College to Bloor: Resurfacing
S.	Vaughan Rd.	at Bathurst St. Intersection: TTC Track
S.	Walmer Rd.	Bloor to Lowther: Resurfacing
S.	Wineva Ave.	South End to Alfresco Lawn: Resurfacing
S.&W.	St. Clair Ave.	Earls court Park frontage and TTC St. Clair, Reconstruction
W.	Mabelle Ave.	Cordova to 274m. west of Cordova: Local Resurfacing
W.	Government Rd.	Prince Edward to The Kingsway: Resurfacing
SubTotal: 9 Projects		

ROUTES

District	Street	Description – Justification
E.	McNicoll Ave.	Birchmount to Kennedy: Resurfacing
E.	Pharmacy Ave.	McNichol to Steeles, and Edge Park to Eglinton, Resurfacing
S.	Cherry St.	Unwin to Commissioners: Resurfacing
S.	Eastern Ave.	Front to Sumach: Resurfacing
S.	Front St. E.	Princess to Trinity: Resurfacing
S.	Lansdowne Ave.	College to Bloor: Reconstruction
S.	McCaul St.	Queen to Dundas: Route
S.	Shuter St.	Sherbourne to River: Reconstruction/Resurfacing
S.	Wellesley St.	Yonge to Bay: Reconstruction
W.	Weston Rd.	Walsh to Sheppard: Resurfacing

SubTotal: 10 Projects

TOTAL Potential Substitution Projects: 19 Projects

2006: List of Third Priority Capital Request Projects

Approximately 20% of the over 1,200 remaining listed projects in the current Draft 2006 Transportation Capital Works Program are included as they would qualify as substitutions for civic improvements under the project selection criteria.