
2007 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

2007 Civic Improvement Capital Projects

Issue:

To report back to Budget Committee on the details of the proposed expansion of the Civic Improvement Program's capital projects to \$3.0 million for 2007 to fund a total of twelve projects.

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 potential streetscape projects meet the policy criteria adopted by Council. However, the civic improvement capital budget is limited to around \$1.3 million a year and can usually only accomplish six or seven of the "A- listed" projects across the whole city each year. The selection of streetscape projects is heavily influenced by the opportunities presented by Transportation Services' capital program and the detailed project design criteria. Given the current priorities for a clean and beautiful city, additional capital funding of \$1.7 million for streetscape improvements has been recommended in 2007. This increase in funding would enable five additional "A- listed" streetscape projects to be undertaken as part of the 2007 Civic Improvement Program.
- Transportation Services' capital program is often subject to project modifications, which arise due to a number of technical and scheduling reasons. Therefore, it is important for the Civic Improvement Program to maintain and include a "B list" of substitute projects and locations to allow the flexibility to quickly adjust to changes in Transportation Services' capital program.
- A list of proposed 2007 Capital Projects: Places and Routes is attached as Appendix 1.

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APPENDIX 1
2007 CITY PLANNING DIVISION CAPITAL BUDGET SUBMISSION
PLACES & ROUTES – “A” & “B” LISTS

PLACES 2007 – “A” LIST (5 PROJECTS)		
DISTRICT	STREET	DESCRIPTION – JUSTIFICATION
T&EY	L. Sherbourne St.	Railway Viaduct to Front: Reconstruction 900 sq. m. Place: street tree pits, concrete unit pavers, pedestrian lighting, Downtown Priority, Green Intersection
T&EY	Parliament St.	at Adelaide Traffic Island: Reconstruction 900 sq. m. Place traffic island greening, concrete seat wall, concrete unit pavers, pedestrian lighting, street trees in grass. Developer Contributions, Downtown Priority, Green Intersection
EY	Royal York Rd.	Usher to Ashley: Reconstruction: 700m. street trees in grass. Natural System Connection.
EY	St. Phillips Rd.	at Humber River: Bridge Rehabilitation: 200 sq. m. Place: Bridge Refurbishment: pedestrian lighting, Missing concrete sidewalks
EY	The Queensway	Humber River to Windermere: Reconstruction 800m. Street trees in centre TTC median. Waterfront Priority
ROUTES 2007 – “A” LIST (7 PROJECTS)		
DISTRICT	STREET	DESCRIPTION – JUSTIFICATION
T&EY	Dundas St. W.	at Lansdowne Triangle Parkette; and at Trinity Belwoods Park-Garrison Creek. TTC Reconstruction and Resurfacing, 2,500 lin. m. concrete unit pavers, street tree pits, concrete seat walls, Garrison Creek bronze leaves and markers. Downtown Priority.
T&EY	Dundas St. W.	at Alexandra Park – Scadding Ct. C.C., Carlyle, Casmir, and at Police 52 Division – St. Patrick to Simcoe. TTC Reconstruction and Resurfacing, 2,500 lin. m. concrete unit pavers, street tree pits, concrete seat walls. Downtown Priority.

ROUTES 2007 – “A” LIST (7 PROJECTS)		
DISTRICT	STREET	DESCRIPTION – JUSTIFICATION
T&EY	Dundas St. E.	at St. George St. misalignment; and at Regent’s Park; MH covers-public art TTC Reconstruction and Resurfacing, 500 lin. m. street trees in grass, concrete unit pavers. Downtown Priority.
T&EY	St. Clair Ave. W.	Special Identity Area: TTC Portal at St. Clair W. Subway Stn. Place: street trees, concrete unit pavers, concrete seat wall. Transit Priority, Green Intersection.
T&EY	St. Clair Ave. W.	Special Identity Area: Lansdowne Streetcar Loop Place; street trees, concrete unit pavers, concrete seat wall. Transit Priority, Green Intersection.
NY	Bathurst St.	Shallmar Ave. to Lawrence Ave, TTC Reconstruction and Resurfacing, 700 lin. m. Route: bronze decorative inlays, concrete curb planter, concrete unit pavers, Green Intersection
S	Kingston Rd.	Hwy. 401 to Rouge R. at Glen Rouge Park Entry Resurfacing 500 lin. m. & new sidewalk Route: street trees in grass. Natural System Connection

PLACES 2007 – “B” LIST – ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS		
DISTRICT	STREET	DESCRIPTION – JUSTIFICATION
T&EY	Davenport Rd.	at MacPherson CNR Bridge: Bridge; Rehabilitation: 200 sq. m. Place: Bridge, Refurbishment: pedestrian lighting, railing
T&EY	Horticultural Ave.	Gerrard to Allen Gardens: Local Resurfacing: 400 sq. m.; Place: street trees concrete unit pavers. Downtown Priority. Allen Gardens, Natural System Connection.
T&EY	The Esplanade	Jarvis to Berkeley: Resurfacing: 2,000 sq. m.; Place: concrete unit pavers, concrete sidewalk. Downtown Priority, Green Intersection
T&EY	Walmer Rd.	Bloor to Lowther: Local Resurfacing 1,000 sq. m.; Place: traffic circle enlargement, concrete curb and sidewalk, Developer Contributions, Downtown Priority, Green Intersection

ROUTES 2007 – “B” LIST – ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS		
DISTRICT	STREET	DESCRIPTION – JUSTIFICATION
T&EY	McCowan Rd.	Ellesmere to Sheppard: Resurfacing: 800 m. Route: street trees in grass, Green Intersection, Scarborough Centre
EY	Martin Grove Rd.	Albion to Steeles: Resurfacing: 600 m.; Route: street trees in grass. Green Intersection
S	McNicholl Ave.	Victoria Park to Hwy 404: Reconstruction: 700 m. Route: street trees in grass. Green Intersection.
T&EY	Carlaw Ave.	Commissioners to Lakeshore: Local Reconstruction: 1,000 m.; Route: street trees in grass. Waterfront Priority; Natural System Connection
EY	Jane St.	Foxwell to Eglinton: Resurfacing: 1,000 m. Route: street trees in grass. Natural System Connection
EY	Caledonia Rd.	St. Clair to Innes: Reconstruction: 600 m. Route: street trees in grass. St. Clair Ave. W. TTC , Green Intersection
EY	Weston Rd.	Sheppard to Finch: Resurfacing: 800 m. Route: street trees in grass; Green Intersection