

## **Transportation Services – State of Good Repair**

The City of Toronto has a five-year Capital Budget Plan that will address the City's state of good repair (SOGR) backlog in Transportation Services. The plan addresses both the financial and scheduling constraints faced by the City. The current SOGR backlog is estimated to be \$310 million, and is expected to grow to \$415 million by 2012. While the financial number continues to increase, the amount of work required remains relatively consistent. The increases are largely due to inflation and rising costs in other areas such as the energy and labour markets, as well as the age of the infrastructure.

Mayor David Miller committed to making Toronto a 'transit city'. The dollars invested in our roads support that vision. Buses and streetcars are better able to move efficiently throughout the city when work is done to improve Toronto's road network.

### **OMBI report**

- The City of Toronto compares favourably to other municipalities in terms of state of good repair roadwork
- In a report comparing service levels and performance measurement results with other municipalities, Toronto's roads were rated the best of the 15 municipalities.

### **OMBI 2005 Performance Benchmarking Report**

For a number of years Toronto has been working with fourteen other municipalities as part of the Ontario Municipal CAO's Benchmarking Initiative (OMBI). Through this work, Toronto's service levels and performance measurement results can be compared to similar information provided by other municipalities

### **Road and bridge work**

A large proportion of the City's roads and bridges were constructed in the 1960s and 1970s and are now in need of reconstruction. This is a contributing factor in the City's growing backlog of repairs.

- In 2007, 16 bridges are being rehabilitated by the city
- A total of 75 bridges have been rehabilitated over the past five years
- In 2007, 97 kilometers of road is being reconstructed or resurfaced
- Major roads under reconstruction in 2007 include:
  - Caledonia Rd. from St Clair Ave. to Innes Ave.
  - Lansdowne Ave. from College St. to Bloor St. W.
  - Royal York Rd. from Norseman St. to Mimico Creek
  - McNicoll Ave. from Pharmacy Ave. to Warden Ave.
  - Bathurst St. from Shallmar Blvd. to Lawrence Ave. W.

## **Maintenance work**

- The budget for road, sidewalk and bridge maintenance is about \$35 million annually
- About \$20 million - \$25 million is allocated for road repairs
- The average annual budget spent on potholes is \$3 million
- The average number of potholes fixed in a year is 130,000
- Year-round, there are about 100 staff (25 – 30 crews) involved in pothole repairs. When all of our crews are deployed to pothole repairs between 500 and 1,000 potholes (depending on size) are repaired daily.

## **Backlog of roadwork**

- The backlog of roadwork for Transportation Services in 2008 is \$310 million.
- If current funding levels are maintained, the backlog is expected to reach \$415 million by 2012.
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