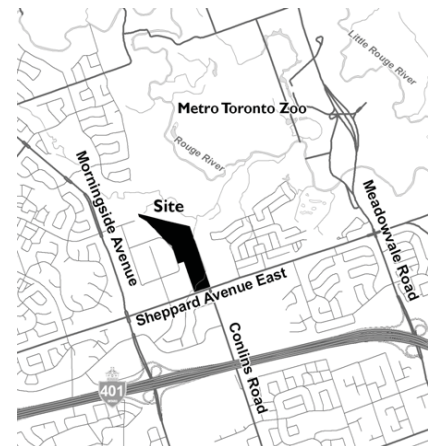




Toronto Transit Commission Transit City Open House



Sheppard Avenue East Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Maintenance and Storage Facility April 7, 2010 Summary Report

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This draft summary report was prepared by Lura Consulting. Lura is providing third-party consultation management services as part of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and the City of Toronto Transit City projects. This summary captures the key comments submitted during the noted Public Open House. It is not intended as a verbatim transcript. If you have any questions or comments regarding the summary, please contact:

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1. Introduction

The Project

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) is planning to construct a Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Maintenance and Storage Facility at 8304 Sheppard Avenue East at Conlins Road. The project is needed to provide service and storage facilities for new Light Rail Vehicles for Transit City, including the Sheppard Avenue East Light Rail Transit (LRT) project, which will significantly enhance transit service for the community. The facility will be designed and built to Toronto Green Development Standards, and will include elements such as a green 'vegetative' roof on the Carhouse and the collection of storm water in on-site ponds for treatment before release.

The Process

The potential environmental effects of the LRV Maintenance and Storage Facility will be assessed in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Undertakings (2008). As part of the Transit City and Transit Project Assessment processes, the TTC held a Public Open House to present the proposed site layout for the Maintenance and Storage Facility along with its potential effects and recommended mitigation measures.

Official Plan Amendment

An application has been submitted to the City of Toronto for an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment, which is required to amend the City's Official Plan and Zoning By-Law for development of the Sheppard East LRV Maintenance and Storage Facility. A Community meeting to address these specific issues was arranged for April 13, 2010, 7:00 pm at the Morningstar Christian Fellowship Centre, 7601 Sheppard Avenue East.

Next Steps

There was an opportunity to incorporate comments received during and following the Open House. A public notice of study completion will then be issued to commence the 30 day review period for the Environmental Project Report. Background information is available on the project website:

<http://www.toronto.ca/transitcity> (see LRV Maintenance and Storage Facilities – Sheppard Avenue East).

This report summarizes the comments received through the open house and other communication channels, beginning April 7th, up to and including April 21st, 2010.

The open house held on April 7, 2010 took place from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at the Chinese Cultural Centre (5183 Sheppard Avenue East). The open house had 19 signed in attendees and 1 comment form was received.

Each open house presented 20 detailed project panels, 5 panels presenting information about Metrolinx, a Frequently Asked Questions handout (available for download on the project web page at <http://www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/sheppardlr/index.htm>), an audio-visual (AV) PowerPoint presentation with voice over discussing the LRV Maintenance and Storage facility, a PowerPoint presentation representing the Sheppard LRT line (staffed by Transit City Community Liaison Officer to answer questions), a third presentation showing the panels and voice over, and an open invitation to ask questions and discuss the plan with the TTC, City and Consultant project team members present.

During the open houses, participants were invited to write down their responses to questions found on distributed comment forms and submit them at the registration table. In addition to the comment forms, project team members and Lura staff recorded participant comments as they arose during discussions. The public was also able to provide comments online or via telephone. Between April 7th and April 21st, TTC received 1 comment via email.

2. Public Notification

The following section lists the methods used to notify stakeholders and the public about the Sheppard Avenue East LRV Maintenance and Storage Facility. The newspaper ad/flyer along with sample letters are provided at the end of the document in Appendix A.

2.1. TTC Mailings / Notification

Notification for the Commencement of the Environmental Assessment was combined with notification for Public Open House #2 and was accomplished through the following:

- Posting on the project website: www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/sheppardlr/index.htm
- Direct mailing to all federal, provincial and municipal agencies, municipal councillors, and other interested stakeholders in advance of the Public Open House (March 22, 2010);
- Mail drop to 11722 area properties on March 24, 2010; and,
- Mailing to all property owners within 360 meters of the site (287 total) on March 24, 2010.

Newspaper Ads:

- Scarborough Mirror on March 25 and 26, 2010

2.2. Communication between City of Toronto and First Nations

- On March 22, 2010 notification was sent to: INAC – Specific Claims, LMRB, and Comprehensive Claims, the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs. No new First Nations contacts were noted by INAC or MAA for the project.
- As per all Transit City projects, TTC contacted the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation on March 22, 2010 and all 8 of the Williams Treaty First Nations as well as their legal Coordinator Ms. Kerry Sandy McKenzie, and asked each First Nation to advise of any interest they may have in the project in writing. A follow-up meeting was offered to all who expressed interest.

Previously, during preliminary planning communication was sent to all First Nations and First Nations agencies noted above on January 21, 2010.

3. Comments Received from Open Houses

A summary of all comments received is presented below, beginning April 7, 2010 and ending April 21, 2010. They are grouped by topic and type of comment.

3.1. Sheppard LRT Route

Question:

- Please advise as to the exact route that the Sheppard LRT will take on Sheppard Ave. near McCowan?
- (Answer: The Sheppard LRT will travel in the middle in the centre of Sheppard Avenue East in a dedicated transit lane in front of McCowan.)

3.2. Environmental Concern

- It will be important to implement mitigation measures for pollutants entering the river/creek on the east side of the Maintenance and Storage facility.
- (Answer: There is a storm water management pond being constructed to treat water before outlet to the watercourse. There will be no direct impact to the Rouge Park. Furthermore a silt fence and other erosion control measures will protect the watercourse during construction.)

3.3. Noise

- Mitigate noise impacts to the future school and residential neighbourhood on the east side of the property.
- (Answer: There will be a 6 metre high green acoustic wall on the east side and 4.5 metre high on the north side of the facility to mitigate noise for residents and the zoo. Enhanced track construction including continuously welded track and lubrication will reduce noise and vibration as compared to existing streetcars. Turning radii are also being maximized to reduce noise. Trees will be planted outside the acoustic wall on the east side of the building.)

4. Appendix

A. Public Notifications

- Sheppard Avenue East Notice of Commencement ad/flyer
- Letter with a copy of the ad/flyer was faxed and mailed out to MP/MPPs
- Sample letter to Williams Treaty First Nations
- Letter to Missisaugas of New Credit First Nation
- Letter to INAC
- Letter to Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

Sheppard Avenue East Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Maintenance and Storage Facility

Transit Project Assessment Process, Notice of Commencement and Public Open House

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) is holding a Public Open House where you can learn more about this transit project, ask questions and share your comments. This open house will occur as follows:

Date: April 7, 2010 Time: 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Location: Chinese Cultural Centre
5183 Sheppard Avenue East (at Progress Avenue)

Background

The City of Toronto and TTC are planning Transit City, a network of light rail transit lines across Toronto that will provide fast, reliable and accessible service and help support local economic development, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and provide effective alternatives to driving.

The Project

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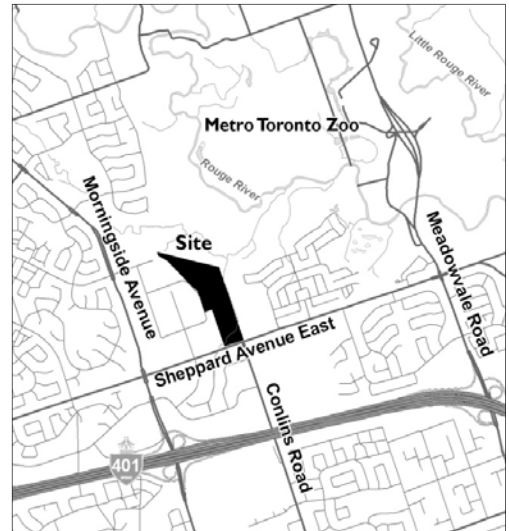
Official Plan Amendment (OPA) & Zoning By-Law Amendment

An application has been submitted to the City of Toronto for an Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment which are required to permit this project. **Please see the reverse side of this notice for meeting details related to the OPA.**

Next Steps

There will be an opportunity to incorporate comments received during and following the Open House. A public notice of study completion will then be issued to commence the 30 day review period for the Environmental Project Report. Background information is available on the project website:

www.toronto.ca/transitcity (see: LRV Maintenance and Storage Facilities - Sheppard Avenue East).



We would like to Hear from You

Public consultation is an important part of this study. If you would like to provide comments or obtain more information, please contact:

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March 19, 2010

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Dear Mr. Balkissoon:

**Re: Transit City, Sheppard East Light Rail Vehicle (LRV)
Maintenance and Storage Facility
Environmental Assessment – Notice of Commencement March 25, 2010
Public Open House April 7, 2010**

On behalf of the Toronto Transit Commission, I am inviting you to an Open House for the Transit City, Sheppard Avenue East Light Rail Vehicle Maintenance and Storage Facility. This facility will support the Sheppard Avenue East Light Rail Transit project which will provide rapid transit service from Don Mills Subway Station to Meadowvale Road. The facility will also support transit vehicles for the future extension of the Scarborough Rapid Transit. These projects will significantly enhance transit speed, comfort and reliability for Scarborough residents. A formal public notice is enclosed.

The details of the Public Open House are as follows:

Date: April 7, 2010
Time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Chinese Cultural Centre - 5183 Sheppard Ave East

TTC is holding the Public Open House to present the proposed site layout for the Maintenance and Storage Facility for public review and feedback. This new complex will serve as the hub for the new low-floor, accessible light rail transit vehicles that will increase rider carrying capacity of the system. The facility will be an integral component of the Transit City Program.

Background information on the Transit City program is available at:
<http://www.toronto.ca/transitcity>

The Open House will be promoted through local newspaper advertisements and a mail drop to area residents, businesses and local Ratepayer Groups.

If you require further information, please contact Lito Romano, Community Liaison Officer, at lito.romano@ttc.ca or 416-397-8699.

Sincerely,

Adam Giambrone
Chair

March 19, 2010

Derek Lee
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Dear Mr. Lee:

**Re: Transit City, Sheppard East Light Rail Vehicle (LRV)
Maintenance and Storage Facility
Environmental Assessment – Notice of Commencement March 25, 2010
Public Open House April 7, 2010**

On behalf of the City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission, I am inviting you to an Open House for the Transit City, Sheppard Avenue East Light Rail Vehicle Maintenance and Storage Facility. The event is being held as a requirement of the Transit Project Assessment Process and the issuance of the Notice of Commencement (Notice attached)

The details of the Public Open House are as follows:

Date: April 7, 2010
Time: 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Chinese Cultural Centre - 5183 Sheppard Ave East

At the Open House, TTC and the City will present the preferred design and layout of the proposed facility. This new complex will serve as the hub for the new low-floor vehicles, operating along the Sheppard Ave corridor in 2013. This facility will be an integral component of the Transit City Project, which will significantly enhance transit in Scarborough.

The Open House will identify environmental impacts identified by stakeholders through our public consultation process, and the recommended mitigation measures to address them. The Public is encouraged to participate in this event. It will provide an opportunity to comment further and ask questions of our project team who will be available throughout the evening. Anyone who is unable to attend or wishing to comment on-line, may do so at <http://www.toronto.ca/transitcity>

The Open House will be promoted through local newspaper advertisement and a mail drop to area residents, businesses and local Ratepayer Groups. The event will present an opportunity for attendees to comment on the preferred design.

The Sheppard East Light Rail Vehicle Maintenance and Storage Facility is following Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings (2008). The environmental impact of this project has been assessed in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process.

Subject to approval by the Commission at its meeting on May 6, 2010 and City Council at its meeting on June 8-9, 2010 and following the April 7, 2010 public consultations, a Notice of Completion for the Transit Project Assessment will be issued in September 2010. Upon issuance of the Notice of Completion, the Ministry of the Environment will administer a 30-day posting for public comment on the MOE website (www.ene.gov.on.ca).

If you require further information, please contact Lito Romano, Community Liaison Officer, at lito.romano@ttc.ca or 416-397-8699.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

Monday, March 22, 2010

Ms. Karry Sandy McKenzie

Barrister and Solicitor
Coordinator Williams Treaty First Nations
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Dear Ms. Sandy-McKenzie,

As follow-up to previous correspondence from January 25, 2010, please find attached a Notice of Study Commencement for the Sheppard Avenue East Light Rail Vehicle Maintenance and Storage Facility. A map of the study area is attached in the notice.

Background

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Study Process

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Please contact me in writing if you have any interest in the project on behalf of the Williams Treaty First Nations. TTC will also continue to notify each Williams Treaty First Nations directly on the project.

As per all of our Transit Project Assessment projects, The TTC would be pleased to organize a meeting with you to discuss the project.

Best regards,
David

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Monday, March 22, 2010

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Dear Margaret,

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Ms. Josée Beauregard – LMRB, INAC
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Mr., Sean Darcy – Comprehensive Claims, INAC
10 Wellington Street, 13th flr, Gatineau, QU K1A 0h4

Dear Mr. Boswell, Ms. Beauregard, Mr. Darcy,

Thank you for past correspondence confirming the claims circumstance in Toronto.

For your files, please find attached a Notice of Study Commencement for the Sheppard Avenue East Light Rail Vehicle Maintenance and Storage Facility. A map of the study area is attached in the notice.

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Please note that TTC has previously notified each of the Williams Treaty First Nations and Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation directly (the First Nations identified by INAC as having claims within Toronto's borders) and is sending each a Notice of Commencement for this project.

No response to this letter is requested unless the claims circumstance within Toronto changes.

Best regards,
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Monday, March 22, 2010

Mr. Martin Rukavina

Policy and Relationships Branch
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Dear Mr. Rukavina,

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