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Yonge Subway Extension

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THE TRANSIT PROJECT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) are now partners with The Regional Municipality of York on a proposed extension of the Yonge Street Subway, from its current terminus at Finch Station to the Richmond Hill Centre at Yonge Street and Highway 7. Conceptual Planning and Functional Planning studies have provided an evaluation of alignment alternatives, station locations and associated facilities in consultation with public and government stakeholders, to develop a technically feasible solution, including preliminary construction methods. The results of this study are the basis for the Transit Project. The purpose of this notice is to indicate that the City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission are joining The Regional Municipality of York as co-proponents of this project.

The Transit Project is an underground 6.5 km, 6 subway station extension of the Yonge Street Subway from its terminus at Finch Station to a proposed terminus at Richmond Hill Centre. Stations are proposed at Cummer Avenue/Drewry Avenue, Steeles Avenue, Clark Avenue, Royal Orchard Boulevard, Longbridge Road/Langstaff Road and Richmond Hill Centre. An intermodal bus terminal and passenger pickup and dropoff facility are proposed for Steeles Station.

The Transit Project follows the Yonge Street right-of-way from Finch Station to south of Highway 407. Alternative alignments from south of Highway 407 to Richmond Hill Centre are being examined. The subway tunnels cross under Hydro One's high voltage transmission corridor which parallels Highway 407. A commuter parking lot, as well as passenger pickup and dropoff facilities are proposed to be located on the Hydro One/Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC) lands south of Highway 407. An easement will be required from Hydro One/ORC as part of the undertaking. It is intended that this project will also address the requirements of the ORC Class Environmental Assessment Process.

The Yonge Subway Extension Transit Project Assessment Process is following Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings (2008). The environmental impact of this Transit Project will be assessed in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08.

As part of the Transit Project Assessment Process, an Environmental Project Report is being prepared. Draft technical papers of the report will be available shortly at the two locations listed below and on the project website accessible via www.vivayork.com. Public consultation will occur in December 2008 to discuss the Transit Project, potential effects and proposed mitigation measures. Additional information and materials will be posted on the project website as they become available.

Information on the City and TTC involvement and Council decisions on the project are available online at: www.toronto.ca/involved



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