
**PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
WORKS COMMITTEE AND
TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION**

**AGENDA
MEETING 1**

Date of Meeting: Monday, September 13, 2004 **Enquiry:** Patsy Morris
Time: 9:00 a.m. **Committee Administrator**
Location: Council Chambers **416-392-9151**
City Hall **pmorris@toronto.ca**
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

Under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee must adopt a motion to meet In-camera (privately) and the reason must be given.

Declarations of Interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*

Deputations/Presentations – A complete list will be distributed at the meeting.

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Communications/Reports:

- 1. St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Environmental Assessment:
Yonge Street to Gunns Road (just West of Keele Street)
(St. Paul's, Davenport, York South-Weston)**

(Presentation – Deputations)

Report (August 31, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, and the President, Toronto Parking Authority, providing the results of the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study, request approval of the Preferred Design Concept, and direct staff to continue with the Environmental Assessment approvals process.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Preferred Design Concept identified through the St Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Class Environmental Assessment study process, as described in this report be approved, the principal elements of which are:
 - (i) two centre lanes reserved for exclusive use by streetcars (and emergency vehicles) protected by a raised, but mountable, trackbed;
 - (ii) during peak periods, two general purpose traffic lanes in each direction, located on either side of the streetcar tracks, providing sufficient capacity to accommodate all current peak period traffic volumes on St. Clair;
 - (iii) during off-peak periods and weekends, one general purpose traffic lane and one parking lane in each direction providing sufficient capacity to accommodate all current off-peak and weekend traffic volumes;
 - (iv) left-turns lanes at signalized intersections to permit left-turn and U-turns on their own exclusive signal phases;
 - (v) on-street parking on both sides of the street during off-peak times on weekdays and at all times on weekends will be permitted in the majority of the curb lanes, and new off-street parking, resulting in a net increase in the parking supply along St. Clair Avenue West; and
 - (vi) enhanced streetscape, urban design, streetcar shelters and platforms, public art and safety features in the overall design and implementation of the transit improvement project;
- (2) authority be granted to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to file the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Environmental Assessment with the City Clerk and to give notification of such filing in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process;
- (3) authority be granted to commence negotiations to acquire the property interests and initiate expropriations if required, to implement the Preferred Design Concept for the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Environmental Assessment;
- (4) a community design consultation group consisting of representatives of the St. Clair Avenue West business community, residents and other stakeholders be established to work with the project team to provide input during the detailed process;

- (5) additional funding be provided in the 2005-2009 TTC and City capital budgets to undertake the enhanced streetscape, urban design, and public art elements associated with the finalized design concept;
 - (6) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services develop a proposal to engage the local arts communities to provide input on the development of a public art program and themes for St. Clair Avenue West, and report back to Council by December 2004 for approval;
 - (7) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the City's Urban Design section, the City's Tree Advocate and project design team, develop a detailed implementation plan for landscaping along St. Clair Avenue West, with particular attention to creating viable tree plantings and associate attractive tree-pit containers, where possible, and report back to Council upon completion of the detailed design;
 - (8) that approval be granted in principle for the traffic bylaws required to implement this project as summarized in Appendix A; and
 - (9) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.
- 1(a).** Communication (July 28, 2004) from Ida Vivacqua, on behalf of concerned residents and business owners of St. Clair Avenue West, providing comments about this matter.
- 1(b).** Communication (July 14, 2004) from Ida Vivacqua providing comments about this matter.
- 1(c).** Communication (September 1, 2004) from Wendy Strickland providing comments about this matter.
- 1(d).** Communication (August 31, 2004) from Linda Genova providing comments about this matter.
- 1(e).** E-mail communication (September 2, 2004) from J.P. Beaudry, President, The WestClair, MTCC #778, providing comments about this matter.