

Funding the first phase of Six Points

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To:	Budget Committee
From:	Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer
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SUMMARY

This report seeks authority to proceed with the detailed design of the Dundas Street West realignment and the development of the overall construction staging plan for the replacement of the Six Point interchange as a preliminary step in the Six Points interchange reconfiguration strategy. Funding will be provided by a third party.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommends that:

1. authority be granted to the General Manager of Transportation Services to undertake the detailed design of the Dundas Street West realignment as well as the development of the overall construction staging plan for the reconfiguration of the Six Points interchange;
2. the 2008 Recommended Capital Budget for Transportation Services be increased by \$1.0 million gross, \$0 net; and
3. this report be considered with the City's 2008 Capital Budget and 2009 – 2012 Capital Plan.

Financial Impact

Approval of this report will result in an increase of \$1.0 million in the 2008 Recommended Capital Budget for Transportation Services, \$0 net. The funding will be provided by a third party. Opportunities for third-party funding for the construction of the Dundas Street West realignment and any temporary roads required for construction staging will be considered as part of the 2009 Capital Budget process.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

A Municipal Class Environmental Assessment study was undertaken to examine the reconfiguration of the Six Points Interchange. The evaluation of alternative design solutions, which included consultation with the public and review agencies, resulted in the following recommended design:

- Removal of the existing interchange structures to create at-grade intersections between Kipling Avenue, Bloor Street West and Dundas Street West;
- A widening of Kipling Avenue to provide turning lanes at the new intersections, in addition to the existing 4 through lanes, from just south of Viking Lane to approximately 165 m north of Bloor Street, within a 42 m right-of-way;
- A 6-lane cross-section with exclusive left turn lanes at the appropriate intersections on a new Dundas Street West alignment through the Westwood Theatre Lands matching the existing Dundas Street cross-section west of Kipling Avenue to Bloor Street, within a 42 m right-of-way;
- Bloor Street West is directly connected east and west of Kipling Avenue via a new roadway with 4 through lanes, a 1.8 m bike lane in each direction, and the potential for on-street parking, within a 42 m right-of-way.
- A 4-lane cross-section on Dunbloor Road, within a 26 m right-of-way
- A new 2-lane roadway connection from St. Albans Road through the Westwood Theatre Lands to Dundas Street.

A Notice of Completion must now be issued and the Environmental Study Report filed in the public record for a 30-day review period in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment.

The Transportation Services and City Planning Divisions are submitting a report to the Planning & Growth Management Committee for its meeting of November 29, 2007, recommending that authority be granted to issue a Notice of Completion. The Notice of Completion is the last step in obtaining EA approval for this project, and, if no objections are received from stakeholders or review agencies, would allow construction to proceed as early as 2008.

The report to Planning and Growth Management Committee will also seek authority to prepare any required Official Plan amendments, and commit to a further report on a funding and staging strategy for implementing the Six Points interchange reconfiguration following the receipt of EA approval.

With respect to funding, the City now has an opportunity to obtain third party funding for the design and construction of the Dundas Street West realignment and the temporary roads required for construction staging for the remainder of the Six Points interchange reconfiguration project, and for bringing utilities (water, sewerage) onto the Westwood Theatre Lands.

COMMENTS

The Planning & Growth Management Committee will be considering a report from Transportation Services and City Planning at its meeting of November 29, 2007. Pending City Council endorsement of the Recommended Design for the reconfiguration of the Six Points interchange, detailed design work on the Dundas Street West realignment may proceed in early 2008. It is recommended that Transportation Services proceed with the design work, funded by a third party.

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