

November 15, 2007

Ms. Ulli Watkiss
City Clerk
City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
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Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Watkiss:

At its meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "Project Approval – Transit City Light Rail Plan (First Priorities)."

The Commission approved Recommendation Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 6 contained in the report, as listed below:

- "1. Approve interim funds of \$13 million to allow engineering, design, and associated work to begin on the Sheppard East, Etobicoke-Finch West, and Eglinton-Crosstown LRT lines and on the required maintenance & storage (M&S) facilities, and for the supply of special trackwork for the Park Lawn/Lake Shore Loop and the design of a new LRT loop at Kipling/Lake Shore, both of which are part of the Waterfront West LRT line;"
- "3. Request the City of Toronto to provide interim funding for these measures until such time as the Province of Ontario and the GTTA allocate sufficient funds, noting that delays in making these commitments and initiating project work will result in delays to the construction start dates noted in the report;"
- "5. Subject to the confirmation of funding from the City of Toronto, approve:
 - i) the hiring of TTC staff for the implementation of the above Transit City Project work as shown on Exhibit 2, noting that recruitment will start immediately;
 - ii) approve the issuance of a Purchase Order, in the total interim amount of \$750,000 [included in 1 above], to the City of Toronto – Transportation Services, for the City's costs associated with the design and construction support of the *Transit City* LRT lines;"
- "6. Forward this report to the City of Toronto Planning and Transportation Services."

The Commission struck out Recommendation No. 2 contained in the report and replaced in lieu thereof the following wording:

"2. Forward this report to the City Budget Committee for consideration and endorsement of these plans for City Council approval in December, noting that:

- These initiatives address the City of Toronto's vision and strategic priorities and are included under the MoveOntario 2020 Program
- Budget and funding approval of \$4 million to March 31, 2008 is required to enable TTC and City staff to proceed with necessary engineering and design work activities and commitments to support the City and Province's timeline commitments;
- TTC commits to a further budget reduction of \$4 million in 2008 to be accommodated through an additional unspecified budget reduction;
- Funds to a maximum of \$400,000 will be held in TTC accounts pending City Council approval;
- These funds up to a maximum of \$4 million will need to be held in City accounts pending funding commitment and approval by the GTTA and the Province of Ontario;
- The Greater Toronto Transportation Authority (GTТА) is currently considering quick win initiatives which meet its approved criteria for an approved plan to recommend forward to the Ministries of Transportation and Public Infrastructure Renewal for consideration in the preparation of the next Provincial budget;
- The provincial 2008 budget is expected to be released in March 2008; and
- The TTC and City staff will report back to Budget Committee upon release of the Provincial 2008 budget to confirm project funding and/or to recommend actions required to address any identified funding shortfall."

The Commission also struck out Recommendation No. 4 contained in the report and replaced in lieu thereof the following wording:

"4. Forward this report to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority, and to the Federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, for consideration and requesting confirmation of funding for this work on the Transit City Plan, consistent with the Province of Ontario's MoveOntario 2020 funding program."

The Commission also added a Recommendation No. 7 to the report to read as follows:

"7. In addition to the requirements of this report, additional budget approval is required from the City to allow environmental assessment work on the Transit City Plans to continue as follows:

- Cashflow of \$0.7M in the first quarter of 2008;
- TTC commit to a further budget reduction of \$0.7M in 2008 to be accommodated through an additional unspecified budget reduction to offset the increase in Transit City funding;
- Cashflow of \$2.05M in the remainder of 2008;
- Additional project costs commitment of \$3.85M to cover contract requirements for the remaining EA work.”

The foregoing is forwarded to the City Budget Committee for consideration and approval.

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo
General Secretary
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Attachment