

March 27, 2007

Ms. Ulli Watkiss
City Clerk
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Toronto City Hall
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Dear Ms. Watkiss:

At its meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, the Commission considered the attached the report entitled, "Toronto Transit City – Light Rail Plan."

The Commission approved Recommendation No. 1 contained in the report, as listed below:

- "1. Endorse the *Toronto Transit City – Light Rail Plan* as the basis and priority for rapid transit expansion in the City of Toronto, noting that the *Plan* would provide:
- much-faster travel between the major areas of Toronto, offering people a truly travel-time competitive and less-stressful alternative to private cars
 - highly-reliable and frequent service in road space reserved for transit customers, eliminating the delays caused by operation in mixed traffic
 - fully-accessible design, so that people with all levels of mobility can use the service with confidence and ease
 - direct rapid transit links to areas that are currently far removed from rapid transit, including the north, west, and eastern areas of Toronto
 - connections with all existing rapid transit routes and proposed extensions, to provide additional travel opportunities and the greatest possible integration of the new lines into the TTC rapid transit network
 - connections or connection opportunities to the Greater Toronto regional transit network, including Mississauga, York Region, and Durham Region
 - connection opportunities to all GO Transit rail lines;"

The Commission amended Recommendation No. 2 by adding the words "requesting their endorsement and support" at the end of the Recommendation, so such Recommendation reads as follows:

- "2. Forward this report to the City of Toronto, the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority, the Canadian Urban Transit Association, The Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the

Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada requesting their endorsement and support.”

The Commission also approved the following ancillary motions:

1. That the TTC staff be requested to facilitate community meetings, including interested Councillors, to explain the plan and to solicit feedback.
2. That TTC staff be requested to report back, as soon as possible, using a Gant Chart, on the various pieces required to move this plan forward as expeditiously as possible, analyzing timelines for items like: i) an EA Strategy; ii) funding strategy; iii) strategy for new LRV Garage; and iv) LRV purchase strategy.
3. That the report be forwarded to the City of Toronto's Bicycle and Pedestrian Committees.
4. that the report be forwarded to the City Planning Department requesting work be done on: i) Zoning; ii) Official Plan; and iii) Urban Design issues.
5. That staff be requested to report back on a communications and advocacy strategy.
6. That the report also be forwarded to the Toronto, French and Catholic School Boards.
7. That the report also be forwarded to Municipalities and Regions adjacent to the City of Toronto.
8. That the Chair of the TTC be requested to arrange a session and invite all City Councillors with respect to: i) Overall environmental assessment and its implications; and ii) the TTC Light Rail Plan.
9. That the Interim Chief General Manager be requested to report back on the status of the environmental assessment for the Highway 427/27 corridor.

The foregoing is forwarded to the City Planning and Growth Management Committee for endorsement and support of the Toronto Transit City Light Rail Plan.

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo
General Secretary
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Attachment