

April 28, 2008

Mayor David Miller  
City of Toronto  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
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Dear Mayor Miller:

At its meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "Transit City Light Rail Plan: Status Update For April 2008."

The Commission approved the Recommendations contained in the report, as listed below:

"It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Note that progress is being made on many fronts on the *Transit City Light Rail Plan*, as described in this report, with greater efforts currently being placed on the first-priority lines of Sheppard East, Etobicoke-Finch West, and Eglinton-Crosstown, the Scarborough RT, and maintenance and storage facilities for *Transit City* lines;
2. Approve staff's proposed allocation and use of already-approved funding for the *Transit City Light Rail Plan*, including the Scarborough RT, to allow continued implementation of the *Plan*. Specifically, the currently-approved funding of \$11.1 million will be allocated as shown in Appendix 1, in support of these activities:
  - Environmental Assessments (EA) on all *Transit City* lines, and Scarborough RT;
  - Design work on the first-priority lines of Sheppard East, Etobicoke-Finch West, and Eglinton-Crosstown, and the Scarborough RT;
  - Refinement of maintenance and storage requirements for the *Transit City* network, and preparation of conceptual design for such facilities;
  - Property searches and negotiations for property for maintenance and storage facilities;
  - Ongoing work with Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario (IO) related to the Regional Transportation Plan, project benefit case preparation, and the analysis of project

delivery models including Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP);

3. Authorize the Chief General Manager to re-allocate funding between the projects and activities listed in Appendix 1, if necessary, to reflect the differing pace of progress among the projects and changing work demands which might arise from decisions made by Metrolinx or the Province;
4. Note that, while the already-approved funding of \$11.1 million is enough to allow current project work on *Transit City* to continue for now, staff project a need for an additional \$5.2 million in 2008 alone, for a total of \$16.3 million, as outlined in Appendix 1, to complete engineering design work planned up to the end of the year, and to allow previously-confirmed environmental assessment work plans to also address three inter-regionally significant issues:
  - the western alignment of the Eglinton-Crosstown LRT, notably the intention to terminate this line at Toronto Pearson International Airport;
  - the western alignment of the Etobicoke-Finch West LRT;
  - the eastern alignment of the Etobicoke-Finch West LRT, notably the continuity of travel across Yonge Street, and connecting to the Sheppard Subway alignment;
5. Note that, as with all major capital projects, *Transit City* needs committed and predictable funding to allow continuous and uninterrupted progress, so as to avoid delays to the projects and their targeted construction start dates;
6. Request Metrolinx and the Province of Ontario to provide the required funding of \$9.2 million (the interim \$4 million provided by Toronto City Council, plus the \$5.2 million mentioned above), for a total of \$16.3 million in 2008, to cover the cost of work and expenditures planned/forecast to the end of 2008;
7. Forward this report to the City Budget Committee noting that, if Metrolinx does not approve this funding for use in 2008, then the City will have to approve an additional \$5.2 million in 2008 budget and commitments, or it will not be possible to complete the work planned for the balance of 2008; and
8. Note that staff will be requesting additional funding to continue working on all *Transit City* and related projects in 2009 and beyond, as part of the TTC's 2009-2013 capital program submission."

The foregoing is forwarded to the City Budget Committee for information.

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo  
General Secretary  
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Attachment

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