

October 24, 2008

Ms. Ulli Watkiss
City Clerk
City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Watkiss:

At its meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2008, the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "Transit City Light Rail Plan: Status Update for October 2008."

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

"It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Note that, consistent with the direction of the Commission and the Mayor, significant progress is being made on accelerated environmental assessments for all seven Transit City light rail lines, the Scarborough RT, and associated maintenance facilities, as described in this report.
2. Note that, as with all major capital projects, Transit City needs committed and predictable funding to allow continuous and uninterrupted progress, to avoid project delays which would affect planned construction start dates and associated costs;
3.
 - (a) Approve a further \$13.6 million to allow all Transit City projects to proceed without interruption until Metrolinx and the Province confirm their provision of this funding on or around April 2009, subject to Toronto City Council approving this budget and project commitment as part of the TTC's 2009-2013 Capital Program;
 - (b) Request Toronto City Council to approve this additional approval in the amount of \$18.8 million as part of the TTC's 2009-2013 Capital Program budget request;
 - (c) Request Toronto City Council to request Metrolinx for reimbursement of this additional funding, which is required to allow continued progress on Toronto's part of the MoveOntario 2020 Plan;
4. Authorize the Chief General Manager to re-allocate funding among the Transit City projects and activities listed in Appendix 1, if necessary, to reflect the differing pace of

progress among the projects and the changing work demands which might arise as individual projects proceed or as decisions are made by Metrolinx or the Province;

5. Forward this report to the City of Toronto, Metrolinx, and the Ontario Ministries of Transportation and Energy and Infrastructure.”

The Commission also approved the following ancillary motions:

1. That in order to stay on schedule with the Transit City Program, the Commission request the City to meet with TTC staff to determine resource requirements beyond the Sheppard LRT, Etobicoke-Finch, Eglinton and the Yards/Maintenance Facilities and take all necessary action to ensure Transit City can be delivered on schedule.
2. That staff report back on the costs of amending the Environmental Assessment for the Jane LRT to address the feasibility of extending this line south from Bloor Street to connect with the Waterfront West LRT on the Queensway, including the means by which the line would cross Bloor Street with a minimum of disruption to commercial activities in the area.
3. That in support of providing the most reliable and best quality service possible on the Etobicoke-Finch West LRT, request staff to report back on the desirability of limiting any new roadway access on Finch Avenue West between Sentinel Road and Tobermory Drive to right-in and right-out turn movements only.

The foregoing is forwarded to the City of Toronto Budget Committee for consideration of the Commission's requests embodied in Recommendation No. 3 of the staff report and ancillary motion No. 1 above.

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo
General Secretary
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Attachment