

Executive Committee – Item 10.44

Considered by City Council on October 22 and 23, 2007

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Service Increases to Respond to Unanticipated Ridership Growth

City Council Decision

City Council on October 22 and 23, 2007, referred this Item to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 2008 Budget process.

City Council Decision – July 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2007

City Council on July 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2007, deferred consideration of this Item to the October 22, 2007 meeting of City Council.

(June 14, 2007) Communication from the General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission

Committee Recommendation

The Executive Committee submits this matter to Council without recommendation.

Summary

Communication (June 14, 2007) from the General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that system ridership is growing more rapidly than anticipated.

Background Information

Service Increases to Respond to Unanticipated Ridership Growth
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-5235.pdf>)

Additional Background Information (City Council – July 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2007)

(July 10, 2007) from the Budget Committee. ([EX10.44a](#))

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Executive Committee on June 25, 2007, directed the Budget Committee to give consideration to the communication (June 14, 2007) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, entitled “Service Increases to Respond to Unanticipated Ridership Growth.”, and forward recommendations thereon for Council consideration with Item EX10.44, such communication containing the following Recommendations:

“It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Approve the implementation of 1900 additional, unbudgeted, hours of service per week in November 2007 to reduce overcrowding on the system at an estimated cost of \$0.64 million in 2007, and an annual cost of \$6.7 million in 2008 noting that:
 - i. system ridership is expected to reach 462M annual riders by year-end in 2007, which is 1.8% higher than budgeted, and ridership growth is expected to continue in 2008,
 - ii. the additional service is required to accommodate this higher ridership level without overcrowding,
 - iii. the eight additional buses required to provide these services can be accommodated within the current bus fleet plan to the end of 2008. Bus fleet requirements in the longer-term will be reviewed as part of the 2008 budget process, and
2. Forward this report to the City’s Budget Committee for approval.”