

November 15, 2007

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

At its meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "Transit City Light Rail Plan – Evaluation and Comparison of Routes."

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

"It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Receive this report, noting that:

- the seven *Transit City* light rail lines have been evaluated against a comprehensive set of criteria in order to allow a comparison of the relative merits and challenges of each LRT line;
- the seven lines were evaluated against 31 criteria which were grouped into five major categories, those being :
 - line performance
 - city- and region-building
 - environmental
 - constructability and physical challenges
 - cost;
- the evaluation confirms that all seven *Transit City* light rail lines will be good-performing routes with strong ridership, will be effective in diverting travel away from cars and onto transit; will contribute significantly to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the GTA; will support key provincial and city development policies and directions; and will play an important role in city- and region-building; and
- the evaluation confirms that, on balance, the originally-recommended lines of Sheppard East, Etobicoke-Finch West, and Eglinton-Crosstown remain good

choices for starting the implementation of the *Transit City* plan and, therefore, should be the first lines to undergo environmental assessments, and

2. Forward this report to the City of Toronto and the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority.”

The foregoing is forwarded to the City Planning and Growth Management Committee for information.

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo
General Secretary
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Attachment