

February 19, 2009

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

At its meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "Transit City Light Rail Plan: Status Update for February 2009."

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

"It is recommended that the Commission forward this report to the City of Toronto, Metrolinx, the Ontario Ministries of Transportation and Energy and Infrastructure, and Transport Canada, noting that:

- significant progress is being made on accelerated environmental assessments for all seven *Transit City* light rail lines, and the Scarborough RT, as described in this report;
- detailed engineering and design work is proceeding to allow the start of construction this fall on the first of the *Transit City* light rail lines – the Sheppard East LRT;
- preliminary engineering work is also underway for the Etobicoke-Finch West light rail line and for the maintenance and storage facilities needed for the line;
- 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 and start dates and associated cost;
- TTC, City, and Metrolinx staff are meeting on a continuous and regular basis in order to complete "Benefit Case Analysis" studies for each of the *Transit City* light rail lines and for the Scarborough RT, in support of Metrolinx's consideration of these lines for funding; and
- there have been a number of requests to extend or modify the original *Transit City* light rail lines, and all such requests will be undertaken as follow-up phases of the original EA-related work, subject to Commission-or Council-endorsement, and subject to provision of the required funding for the expanded scope of work, as explained in this report."

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

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo
General Secretary
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