

June 5, 2009

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

At its meeting on Thursday May 28, 2009 the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "Transit City Light Rail Program: Sheppard East LRT Connection at Don Mills Station."

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

It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Endorse the City/TTC staff position that the Sheppard East Light Rail Transit Line (LRT) should connect to the Sheppard Subway at the subway-platform level of Don Mills Station, noting that:
 - the EA report for the Sheppard East LRT line included two possible rapid transit alternatives for the section between Don Mills Station and Consumers Road: (1) a light rail line connecting at and continuing east from Don Mills Station; and (2) an extension of the Sheppard Subway east to Consumers Road with a light rail line connecting there and continuing east;
 - an LRT connection at Don Mills Station would provide the most convenient connection between these two services, allowing customers to walk along a single continuous platform between the subway and LRT without having to change levels, as would be necessary if the subway were extended to Consumers Road;
 - an extension of the Sheppard Subway to Consumers Road would benefit customers on the subway who are destined to that business park area, but would impose an inconvenient transfer on a greater number of customers who would use the Sheppard East LRT and be

destined for the Fairview Mall area or other bus routes at Don Mills Station;

- connecting the Sheppard East LRT at Don Mills Station is the more cost-effective option of the two, costing \$120 million less than an extension of the subway;
 - the Sheppard East LRT project schedule is being revised to incorporate the underground LRT connection at Don Mills Station -- including the required construction of a tunnel under Highway 404 -- and the revised milestones will be reflected in the 2010-2014 Transit City Capital Budget; and
 - this alignment decision resolves the last outstanding matter related to the Sheppard East LRT Environmental Assessment Study which was approved by Toronto City Council at its meeting of July 15, 2008;
2. Note that staff are currently doing further design work on how Don Mills Station would have to be modified to accommodate Metrolinx's preferred concept of a continuous east-west light rail line across Sheppard and Finch Avenues, which would be achieved by extending the Etobicoke-Finch West LRT east of Yonge Street via Finch Avenue East, and then south on Don Mills Road, joining the Sheppard East LRT within Don Mills Station. The outcome of this design work will be subject to a future Commission Report; and
 3. Forward this report to the City of Toronto Planning and Growth Management Committee, North York Community Council, Scarborough Community Council, and Metrolinx.

The Commission also approved the following motion:

- That staff look at the feasibility of creating a new stop at Settlers Road; and staff consult the community, including deputants, and report back to the Commission at the earliest opportunity.

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The foregoing is forwarded to the Planning and Growth Management Committee in accordance with Recommendation 3 in the report.

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo

General Secretary
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Attachment