



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Transfer Capital Funding within Emergency Medical Services 2010 Approved Capital Program to Allow Federal Infrastructure Project for Station 19 to Proceed

Date:	June 14, 2010
To:	Budget Committee
From:	Bruce K. Farr, Chief, Toronto Emergency Medical Services
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

Toronto Emergency Medical Services' 2010 Capital Budget requires an adjustment in order to complete the approved Infrastructure Stimulus Funded (ISF) Project for Station 19 at 100 Turnberry Avenue as the selected tender exceeds the approved estimate.

The selected bid for the Construction Contract was submitted at \$3,041,800 resulting in a project budget shortfall of \$1,435,000. The rebuild and expansion of Station 19 is critical to the deployment of paramedic and vehicle resources in the southwest area of the City. Any delays in the completion of this project beyond March 31, 2011 will jeopardise the City's ability to receive previously committed Federal Funding of \$701,333 for this project.

The recommendation is to transfer \$800,000 in uncommitted 2010 approved funding from Station 40 ISF Project and \$635,000 from the Station Security Project for a total transfer of \$1,435,000 to the Station 19 ISF Project.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief of Emergency Medical Services recommends that:

1. An amount of \$800,000 in capital funding be transferred from the Station 40 ISF Project (CAM850-04) and a further \$635,000 be transferred from the Station Security Project (CAM050-01) in Emergency Medical Services' (EMS) approved 2010 Capital Program to the Station 19 ISF Project (CAM850-02), resulting in a net zero change in the EMS' 2010-2011 capital program.

Financial Impact

The recommended transfer is a zero net change to the EMS' 2010 and 2011 capital program and will not impact current or future operating or capital budgets. As stipulated in the Financial Control Bylaw, any transfer in excess of \$250,000 between capital projects requires Council approval.

Capital Project/Sub-Project	Description	Funding Adjustments
CAM850-04	3066_ISF Station 40 (58 Richmond St. E.)	(\$800,000)
CAM050-01	Station Security	(\$635,000)
CAM850-02	3063_ISF Station 19 (100 Turnberry Ave.)	1,435,000
	Net Change	\$0.00

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agree with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto EMS' 2010 Capital Budget and 2011-2019 Capital Plan estimates were approved by City Council at its meeting on December 8, 2009.

COMMENTS

In order to receive Federal Funding for Infrastructure Stimulus Funded (ISF) projects, construction must be substantially completed by March 31, 2011. There is only one construction season available to complete these projects. As a result, Toronto EMS does not have the time necessary to scale back the Station 19 project and reissue the tender for the construction contract. To ensure that this project is completed on a timely fashion, Toronto EMS is recommending a transfer from an already scaled back ISF project for

Station 40 as well as a deferral and reduction, pending further review, of the department's Station Security Project.

The compliant and low bid contract selected to complete the construction of Station 19 at 100 Turnberry Avenue is \$3,041,800 which will place this project \$1,435,000 in excess of the Council approved funding of \$2,104,000 in the 2010 Toronto EMS' capital program. In order to proceed with the project, Bid Committee required Toronto EMS to identify a funding source sufficient to meet the additional project cost.

The funding transfer from the Station 40 ISF project at 58 Richmond Street will not negatively impact the project. When the approval of the Federal Infrastructure Stimulus program was delayed to September 11, 2009, it was determined that the only way Toronto EMS could complete the project by March 31, 2011 was to revise the plan from a full demolition and rebuild to a major rehabilitation of the existing building. This in turn has reduced the project cost of the project by \$1,200,000. Toronto EMS recommends an \$800,000 transfer of the debt funded portion of this shortfall to the Station 19 Project.

Toronto EMS recommends that the balance of the funds required for the Station 19 project be transferred from the Toronto EMS Station Security project. This project has been deferred from a 2010 start date to 2011 and has also been scaled back by \$635,000 pending a review. The project will have to be reviewed as part of the 2011 budget process to determine if it should be deferred to 2012 and beyond or scaled back to provide a less robust solution that is affordable under Toronto EMS' capital spending guidelines.

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SIGNATURE

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