
City Council

Motion without Notice

MM49.28	ACTION			Ward: 20
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Richmond Street West Streetscape Improvements - by Councillor Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Carrol

**This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair. Council has added this Motion to the agenda for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Vaughan, seconded by Councillor Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council approve a new capital project, Richmond Street Streetscape Improvements, totalling \$1.1 million to be included in the Transportation Services 2010 Approved Capital Budget.
2. City Council approve funding for the project, resulting in \$0 debt impact, provided by:
 - a. transferring \$0.694 million from the 2010 Approved Capital Budget for Shelter, Support and Housing Administration, 129 Peter Street Streetscape Project, to the Transportation Services 2010 Approved Capital Budget;
 - b. providing \$0.131 million from the Section 37 account order #3700198 to the Transportation Services 2010 Approved Capital Budget; and
 - c. reallocating \$0.275 million to the Richmond Street Streetscape Improvement project from the Sidewalk Project included in the Transportation Services 2010 Approved Capital Budget;

resulting in an increase to the Transportation Services' 2010 Approved Capital Budget of \$1.1 million gross, \$0 debt and a decrease to the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration's 2010 Approved Capital Budget of \$0.694 million, gross, \$0 debt.

3. City Council direct that the streetscape improvements for the north-east corner of Richmond and Peter, adjacent to 129 Peter Street, will be funded from future Section 37 funding yet to be received and will be included as part of a future year capital budget.

Summary

The East Precinct of King-Spadina has been in the process of a significant transformation over the past 10 years. This has included the establishment of the Toronto Entertainment District BIA and 123 % growth in the residential population between 2001 and 2006.

Planning studies, local residents, the BIAs Master Plan, local property owners and developers have all affirmed the need for public realm improvements to the streetscape on Richmond Street. A comprehensive plan for the area is under development that will weave together staged construction of these sidewalks and public spaces.

The majority of the funding required for these improvements has been secured through a series of Section 37 agreements in conjunction with development approvals in the immediate area. To date, up to \$1.6M in Section 37 funds has been secured for Richmond Street Streetscape Improvements. Of these funds, \$825K has been collected.

In 2008, the project staging envisioned stage one as improvements to the sidewalk and public right-of-way on the north-east corner of Richmond and Peter, adjacent to 129 Peter Street. This work is still in the design stages and is being envisioned to integrate with new developments on the south and west corners of this intersection. It is expected that the plans for this portion will not be complete for at least two years.

Stage one of the Richmond Street Streetscape improvement project is now the construction of a new sidewalk, where none currently exists, between Peter and Spadina on the south side of Richmond Street. This project has been anticipated by the community for the last seven years. It was included in the 2007 Transportation Services Capital Budget. At the time of the original approval, the development pressures in this area were not as intense as they are now and the sidewalk was budgeted at \$300K.

This motion seeks Council direction to transfer funds to the 2010 Transportation Services Capital account.

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