

Official Plan Amendment for the Etobicoke - Finch West Light Rail Transit Line – Final Report

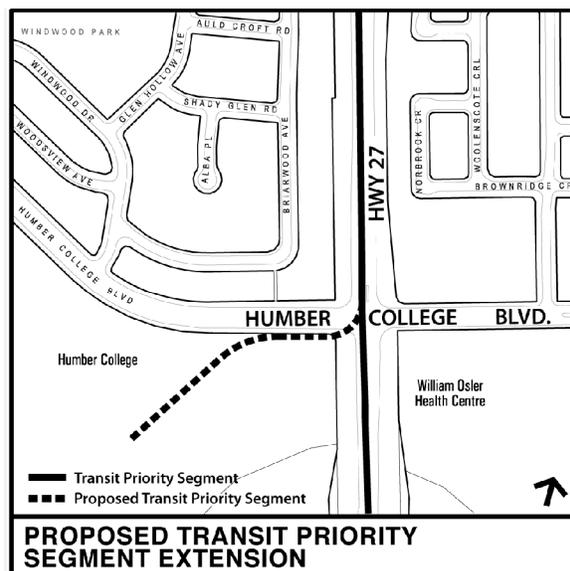
Date:	May 28, 2010
To:	Planning and Growth Management Committee
From:	Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division
Wards:	Ward 1 – Etobicoke North
Reference Number:	Pg10043

SUMMARY

This City-initiated amendment is subject to the new provisions of the Planning Act and the City of Toronto Act, 2006.

This reports recommends an amendment to the Official Plan, Map 5, Surface Transit Priority Network, to provide for the approved alignment of the Etobicoke – Finch West Light Rail Transit (LRT) line, specifically the portion of the line west of the intersection of Highway 27 and Humber College Boulevard to a terminal at the campus of Humber College, located at 203 to 207 Humber College Boulevard.

The Official Plan Amendment will enable the City to protect, and/or require property dedications for the LRT alignment through the development review process.



RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Planner recommends that:

1. City Council amend the Official Plan, Map 5, Surface Transit Priority Network, substantially in accordance with the draft Official Plan Amendment attached as Attachment No. 3 to provide for the approved alignment of the Etobicoke-Finch West Light Rail Transit Line, specifically the portion of the line west of the intersection of Highway 27 and Humber College Boulevard to a terminal at the campus of Humber College.
2. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to make such stylistic and technical changes to the draft Official Plan Amendment as may be required.

Financial Impact

The recommendations in this report have no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

Planning and Growth Management Committee, at its meeting on April 21, 2010, directed the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to prepare an Official Plan Amendment to add a surface transit priority segment west of Highway 27, on the south side of Humber College Boulevard, to a terminal facility on the campus of Humber College located at 203 to 207 Humber College Boulevard, to be considered at a statutory public meeting to be held as part of the June 16, 2010 meeting of Planning and Growth Management Committee. Staff were also directed to hold a Public Information Centre to present the draft Official Plan Amendment prior to the statutory public meeting. This report responds this direction. www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/pg/minutes/2010-04-21-pg37-mn.htm (Planning and Growth Management, PG37.1, 2010)

At its meeting on March 21, 2007, the TTC endorsed the Toronto Transit City - Light Rail Plan as the basis and priority for rapid transit expansion within the City. The TTC and the City of Toronto are Transit City co-proponents. Transit City is comprised of seven LRT projects, including the Etobicoke-Finch West line, which is currently proposed to run along Finch Avenue West, westerly from Finch Station on the Yonge Subway line to Highway 27, south on Highway 27 to Humber College Boulevard and terminating at Humber College campus, just west of Highway 27 on the south side of Humber College Boulevard.

At its meeting of January 26 and 27, 2010, City Council approved the Etobicoke-Finch West LRT Environmental Project Report, which identified the need for an Official Plan Amendment to provide for the LRT alignment between the intersection of Highway 27

and Humber College Boulevard and the Humber College Campus.
www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/cc/minutes/2010-01-26-cc45-mn.htm
(Executive Committee, EX39.18, 2010)

On May 20, 2010, the Ministry of the Environment issued its approval of the Etobicoke - Finch West Environmental Project Report in the form of the Minister's Notice to Proceed with the Transit Project.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Map 5, Surface Transit Priority Network (see attachment 1), currently provides for the alignment of the Etobicoke-Finch West LRT line along Finch Avenue, from the Finch subway station on the Yonge Subway line to Highway 27, and along Highway 27, from Finch Avenue West to Humber College Boulevard. Map 5 does not provide for the extension of the line west of the intersection of Highway 27 and Humber College Boulevard along the south side of Humber College Boulevard to a terminal facility on the campus of Humber College (see attachment 2) as identified in the approved Finch West Environmental Project Report.

Provincial Policy Statement and Provincial Plans

The Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) provides policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development. The PPS sets the policy foundation for regulating the development and use of land. The key objectives include: building strong communities which includes policies concerning transportation and infrastructure corridors; wise use and management of resources; and, protecting public health and safety. City Council's planning decisions are required to be consistent with the PPS.

The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe provides a framework for managing growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe including: directions for where and how to grow; the provision of infrastructure to support growth; and protecting natural systems and cultivating a culture of conservation. City Council's planning decisions are required by the Planning Act to conform to or not conflict with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

Community Consultation

Planning and Growth Management Committee directed staff to schedule a Public Information Centre concerning the proposed Official Plan Amendment prior to the statutory public meeting.

A public open house was held on May 19, 2010, at the north campus of Humber College. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting. Attendees were generally supportive of the project. Questions about the Etobicoke- Finch West LRT were answered by City and TTC staff. No specific concerns were expressed regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment.

COMMENTS

Provincial Policy Statement and Provincial Plans

The proposed Official Plan Amendment is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement. It supports the Transportation and Infrastructure Corridors policies by protecting corridors and rights-of-way for transportation, transit and infrastructure facilities to meet current and projected needs.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment conforms to and does not conflict with the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The proposed Official Plan Amendment is consistent with Metrolinx's "The Big Move" Regional Transportation Plan, which includes the Etobicoke-Finch West LRT alignment as a rapid transit corridor.

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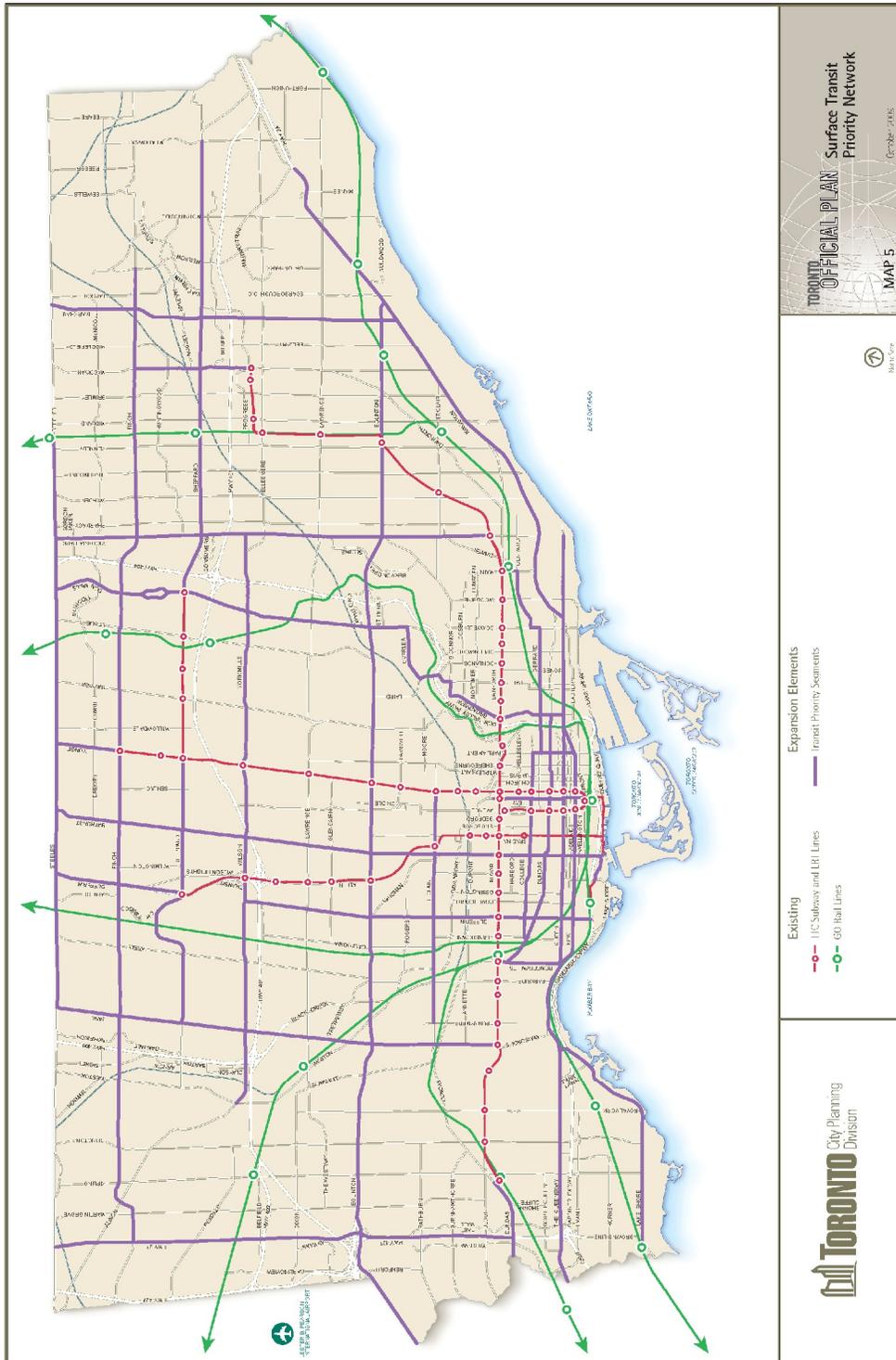
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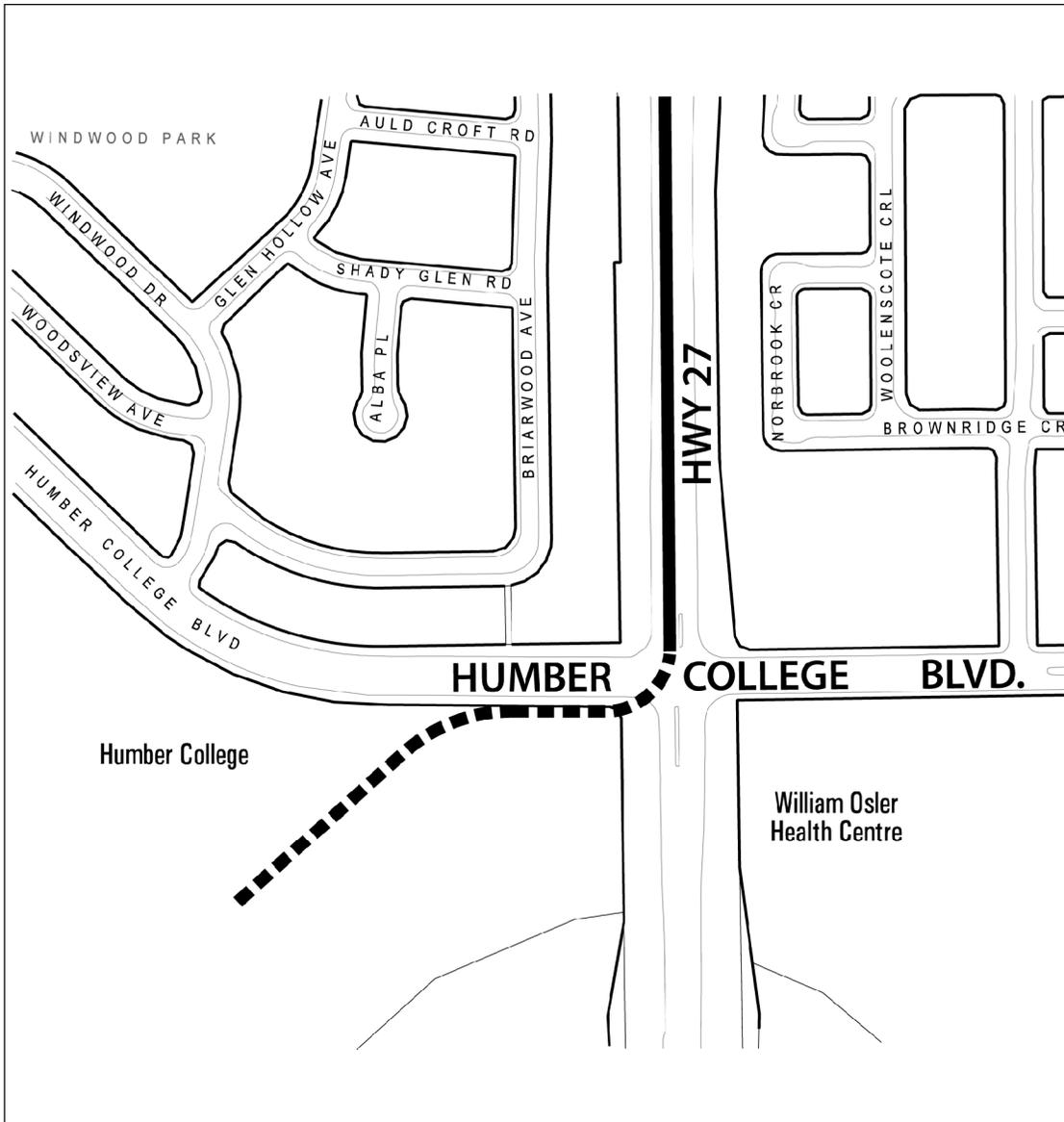
Attachment 1: Map 5, Surface Transit Priority Network
Attachment 2: Etobicoke-Finch West LRT Alignment West of Highway 27
Attachment 3: Draft Official Plan Amendment No. 124

Staff report for action – Final Report – OP Amendment for Etobicoke-Finch West LRT

Attachment 1: Surface Transit Priority Network



Attachment 2: Etobicoke-Finch West LRT Alignment West of Highway 27



**Proposed Etobicoke - Finch West
LRT Alignment West of Hwy. 27**

- Etobicoke - Finch West LRT
- - -** Etobicoke - Finch West LRT West of Highway 27



Attachment 3: Draft Official Plan Amendment No. 124

Authority: Planning and Growth Management Committee Item ~ as adopted by City of Toronto Council on ~, 20~

Enacted by Council: ~, 20~

CITY OF TORONTO

Bill No. ~

BY-LAW No. ~-20~

**To adopt Amendment No. 124 to the Official Plan
for the City of Toronto
respecting lands in the vicinity of the intersection of Highway 27 and
Humber College Boulevard**

WHEREAS authority is given to Council under the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13, as amended, to pass this By-law;

WHEREAS Council of the City of Toronto has provided adequate information to the public and has held at least one public meeting in accordance with the *Planning Act*;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The attached Amendment No.124 to the Official Plan is hereby adopted pursuant to the *Planning Act*, as amended.

ENACTED AND PASSED this ~ day of ~, A.D. 20~.

DAVID R. MILLER,
Mayor

ULLI S. WATKISS,
City Clerk

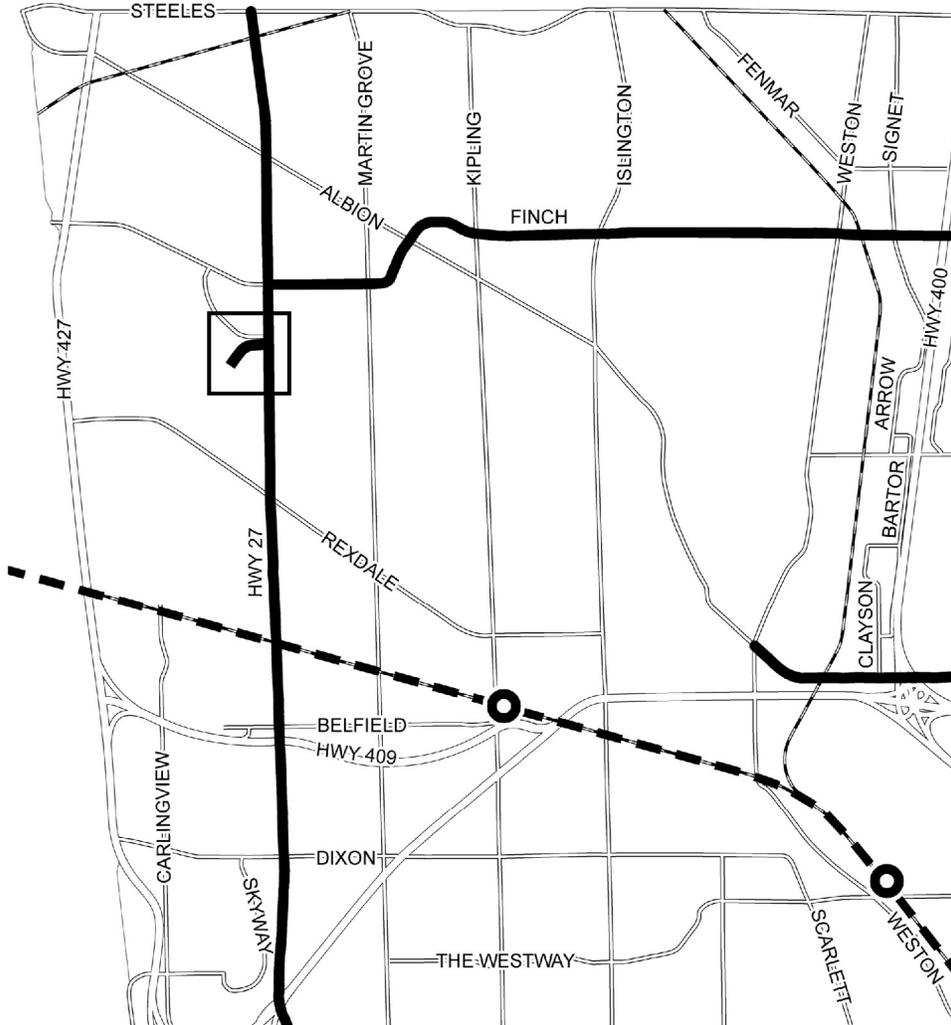
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**AMENDMENT NO. 124 TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN
OF THE CITY OF TORONTO**

The Official Plan of the City of Toronto is amended as follows:

1. Map 5, Surface Transit Priority Network, is amended by adding a Surface Transit Priority Segment west of the intersection of Highway 27 and Humber College Boulevard, on the south side of Humber College Boulevard, in accordance with Schedule “1” attached hereto.

AMENDMENT No. 124 TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN – SCHEDULE ‘1’



TORONTO City Planning
Official Plan Amendment #124

Surface Transit Priority Network

MAP 5

-  Proposed Amendment to Add a Transit Priority Segment
-  Existing GO Rail Lines
-  Expansion Elements
 Transit Priority Segments


 Not to Scale
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