



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Relief Line Project Assessment: Cost Assessment for
Additional Alignment**

Date:	July 12, 2016
To:	City Council
From:	Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission
Wards:	Wards 28, 29, 30
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SUMMARY

On June 28, 2016 Executive Committee requested the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to report directly to City Council on July 12, 2016 on any funds that would be required to undertake the assessment in the amendment to Recommendation 7 from the Executive Committee.

Recommendation 7 states that:

7. City Council approve the Pape-Eastern-Queen alignment for the Relief Line, subject to the determination of a specific alignment in Part 7b below, and authorize the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to:
 - a. work in partnership with Metrolinx to confirm station locations for optimal connections between the Relief Line and SmartTrack/Regional Express Rail, including future extensions of the Relief Line; and
 - b. undertake an additional assessment of an alignment west of Pape Avenue, starting immediately north of the GO tracks on Pape Avenue to south of Queen Street, with a station box at Queen Street and Carlaw Avenue and:
 1. prepare an Outreach Plan in consultation with the local Councillor to review these option(s) with stakeholders, including the General

Manager, Economic Development and Culture, and the public, including local residents; and

2. bring back a recommendation to Council, through Executive Committee, prior to commencing the formal Transit Project Assessment Process; and
- c. prepare the Environmental Project Report for the Relief Line and issue the Notice of Commencement for the Transit Project Assessment Process once ready to proceed.

Additional costs of up to \$520,000 are anticipated to undertake an additional assessment of an alignment west of Pape Avenue as outlined in 7.b.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission recommend that Council receive this report.

Financial Impact

Funds to undertake assessment of an additional alignment are not within the scope of work included in the existing budget for the Relief Line Project Assessment.

Funding for the joint City-TTC Relief Line preliminary planning, project assessment and public consultation of \$6.235 million is included in the TTC's current and prior year's 10-Year Capital Budget and Plan under program 3.9 Buildings & Structures – Downtown Relief Line Study.

Additional costs of up to \$520,000 are anticipated to undertake an additional assessment of an alignment west of Pape Avenue as outlined in 7.b, including consultants and expenses to undertake technical work and public and stakeholder consultation.

While no funds are currently available to increase the scope within TTC's approved budget, if directed, staff will advance funds to carry out the work in 2016. However, additional funding of \$520,000 will be requested in TTC's 2017 Capital Budget.

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

DECISION HISTORY

On March 31, 2016, City Council considered [EX13.3 Developing Toronto's Transit Network Plan: Phase One](#).

The report introduced a vision for Toronto's Transit Network by bringing together all transit projects currently under study. City Council adopted several recommendations that provided staff with direction to review and refine individual projects within the network plan in consultation with the public and key partners, including the Toronto Transit Commission, Province of Ontario and Metrolinx.

For the Relief Line, City Council approved the Pape to Downtown via Queen/Richmond as the preferred corridor and requested the Chief Planner & Executive Director, City Planning in consultation with the TTC to continue planning and technical analysis to recommend a preferred alignment and stations in the June report.

The emerging preferred alignment was presented for consideration to Executive Committee on June 28, 2016.

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