



Cost-Sharing Agreement for Steeles Avenue East (Kennedy Road to Ninth Line) with Regional Municipality of York

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To: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

From: General Manager, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 39 - Scarborough-Agincourt, Ward 41 - Scarborough-Rouge River, Ward 42 - Scarborough-Rouge River

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's endorsement to extend the previously approved cost - sharing and implementation agreement principles for Steeles Avenue between 400 metres east of Tapscott Road to Ninth Line to include an additional segment of Steeles Avenue from Kennedy Road to 400 metres east of Tapscott Road, on the same terms and conditions of the current proposed agreement outlined in the report. Through the extension of the limits, the City's share for both capital and maintenance expenses would be reduced to half, along this additional section of Steeles Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. City Council grant authority to the General Manager, Transportation Services to extend the limits of the current proposed cost-sharing agreement for Steeles Avenue East to include the section of Steeles Avenue East between Kennedy Road and a point approximately 400m east of Tapscott Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The agreement proposed between the City and the Regional Municipality of York for the cost-sharing of construction and ongoing operations and maintenance of Steeles Avenue East for the expanded boundary road agreement, would reduce by fifty percent, Transportation Services' capital and operating budgets expenditures for the section of Steeles Avenue East between Kennedy Road and Ninth Line.

The Acting Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact statement.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council on July 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2014, in considering the report entitled "Steeles Avenue Widening (Tapscott Road to Ninth Line) Principles of a Cost-Sharing and Implementation Agreement", adopted a recommendation that granted approval to City staff to negotiate, enter into, and execute and agreement with the Regional Municipality of York for the widening of Steeles Avenue East from a point approximately 400m east of Tapscott Road extending easterly to Ninth Line, and the 50/50 cost-sharing of such widening.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2014.PW32.8>

City Council on May 3, 4 and 5, 2016, in considering the report entitled "Steeles Avenue East Grade Separation Environmental Assessment - Principles of a Cost-Sharing Agreement with The Regional Municipality of York and Metrolinx" adopted recommendation to negotiate, enter into, and execute an agreement with the Regional Municipality of York and Metrolinx for the cost-sharing of the Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for the Steeles Avenue East grade separation at the Stouffville GO Transit Rail Corridor.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.PW12.9>

COMMENTS

Background

In July 2014, Transportation Services received Council approval authorizing City staff to negotiate, enter into, and execute an agreement with the Regional Municipality of York for the widening of the section of Steeles Avenue East between Tapscott Road and Ninth Line based on the set of principles endorsed by the respective Councils and any other terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager, Transportation Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor. The negotiations have progressed well on a boundary road agreement for the aforementioned section of Steeles Avenue East. The terms and conditions of the agreement developed and mutually agreed to by both parties to-date include the following:

- The City of Toronto will continue to carry out all summer and winter maintenance activities on Steeles Avenue East between Kennedy Road to Ninth Line with all costs shared 50/50. All capital improvements on Steeles Avenue East between Kennedy Road to Ninth Line which are mutually agreed to between the City and the Regional Municipality of York, will be cost-shared 50/50.
- Should an Environmental Assessment (EA) be required for Capital Works then both parties would jointly develop the scope of work and share in the cost of the EA 50/50. Any required EAs would be led by the City of Toronto.
- Should property/land acquisition be required, for any purposed capital works, through negotiations or the expropriation process, then the party whose jurisdiction the lands are geographically located shall pay 100% of the total cost to acquire those lands.
- The term of the agreement will be ten (10) years with an option for early termination upon sixty (60) days written notice if the Region or City Council, or delegate, approves the termination.

Revised Limits for an Expanded Boundary Agreement

Given the level of cooperation between the City of Toronto and the Regional Municipality of York thus far, it is now proposed to extend this partnership by expanding the limits of the Steeles Avenue East boundary road agreement (currently approximately 1.5 kilometres in length from 400m east of Tapscott Road to Ninth Line) to include the segment from just west of Kennedy Road to a point approximately 400 metres east of Tapscott Road, as illustrated in Attachment 1 appended to this report.

In May 2016, City Council authorized Transportation Services to negotiate, enter into, and execute an agreement with the Regional Municipality of York and Metrolinx for the cost-sharing of the Municipal Class EA for the grade separation of the Stouffville GO rail corridor and widening of Steeles Avenue from four to six lanes from Kennedy Road to Midland Avenue. The Municipal Class EA was completed in February 2017, with each party contributing 33.3% of the total cost for the EA study.

Through an expanded agreement, an additional 5.4 kilometres, inclusive of the section in the above mentioned EA, would be subject to the same terms and conditions as the current agreement being negotiated. An expanded agreement would be beneficial to the City because under the agreement, both capital and operating costs would be shared equally and the planned widening of this section of Steeles Avenue East could be advanced given the additional funding that would be contributed by the Regional Municipality of York.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Proposed Limits for Expanded Boundary Road Agreement

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