

June 18, 2008

Ms. Ulli Watkiss
City Clerk
City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
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Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Watkiss:

At its meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2008, the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "Request for Approval of the Sheppard East LRT Environmental Assessment Study."

The Commission approved the Recommendation contained in the report, as listed below:

"It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Approve the recommendation of the joint City/TTC Sheppard East LRT Environmental Assessment (EA) study, that a Light Rail Transit (LRT) line be constructed on Sheppard Avenue East, between Don Mills Station and Meadowvale Road, to provide transit service in that corridor, as outlined in this report;
2. Forward this report to the City of Toronto, and request that City Council, at its meeting on July 15, 2008, approve the recommendations of the Sheppard East LRT EA study to allow staff to begin detailed design as soon as possible, and be in a position to begin construction of this first *Transit City* light rail line in 2009;
3. Request that City Council:
 - i) authorise staff to submit the final Environmental Assessment Study report for the 30-day public review period, as required to complete the EA process for this project;
 - ii) advise the Province of Ontario of its approval of this EA study;
4. Note that City Planning is proceeding to amend the Toronto Official Plan so that Sheppard Avenue East, from McCowan Road to Meadowvale Road, is included as a Transit Priority Corridor, in support of this project;

5. Note that City Planning staff have been full participants in the preparation of this environmental assessment. They have reviewed this report, and they concur with its recommendations; and
6. Forward this report to Metrolinx, to confirm previous information that the Sheppard East light rail line is ready to proceed to implementation and, therefore, should be included in Metrolinx's forthcoming 'first wave' funding approval."

The Commission also approved the following ancillary motions:

1. That TTC and City of Toronto staff be requested to consider a grade separated bicycle lane at the design stage of the project; and further that this consideration be extended to all Transit City EA's.
2. That the presentation by Mr. Long of LEA Consulting be referred to staff for consideration; and further that staff meet with Mr. Long to address any additional questions or concerns.

The foregoing is forwarded to City of Toronto Council through the City Planning and Growth Management Committee for consideration of the Commission's requests embodied in Recommendation Nos. 2 and 3 of the report.

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo
General Secretary
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Attachment