



## STAFF REPORT INFORMATION

### Yonge Subway Extension – Transmittal of Supplementary Information

<b>Date:</b>	January 23, 2009
<b>To:</b>	City Council
<b>From:</b>	City Manager
<b>Wards:</b>	All Wards
<b>Reference Number:</b>	To be considered with EX28.1

#### SUMMARY

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This report provides City staff comment on the TTC report providing further information on the Yonge Subway Extension project as requested by the Executive Committee and the Toronto Transit Commission. City staff is in agreement with the TTC.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends that City Council receive this report for information.

#### Financial Impact

This report is for information only. There are no direct financial impacts resulting from the information presented in the attached TTC report. The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

#### DECISION HISTORY

Executive Committee considered a City staff report along with the December 17, 2008 Commission Report at its meeting on January 5, 2009 on the Yonge Subway Extension project and adopted the following additional recommendations:

- “1. Requested the City Manager, in consultation with the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, to submit a report directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on January 27, 2009 on:
  - The range of possible ancillary costs to the Yonge Street extension, including

the following:

- Yonge-Bloor Station alterations;
  - Subway fleet expansion;
  - Possible need for 2<sup>nd</sup> entrances at Yonge Stations south of Bloor Street;
  - Possible need for an eastern downtown relief line from Pape Station to downtown;
  - Subway yard costs; and
  - Possible need for the Sheppard Subway to be extended westbound to Downsview and the Wilson Yard.
- Possible sequencing scenarios of major public transit infrastructure projects and their relationship to the Yonge Street extension project.
2. Requested the Toronto Transit Commission to direct staff to review the report entitled “Analysis of Yonge Subway Extension Final Report on TPAP and Future Actions” prepared by Mr. Karl Junkin; to meet with Mr. Junkin to discuss his concerns, and report thereon directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on January 27, 2009.”

## COMMENTS

City and TTC staff have been striving since the Commission meeting on December 17, 2008 and Executive Committee meeting on January 5, 2009 to respond to the requests for supplemental information for submittal to the Commission meeting on January 21, 2009 and City Council on January 27-28, 2009. The TTC staff report, considered by the Commission at its meeting on January 21, 2009, entitled “Yonge Subway Extension – Additional Information Concerning Costs and Ridership/Capacity”, provides extensive additional information and addresses the requests from both meetings and has been prepared in consultation and agreement with relevant City staff. The information regarding potential ancillary costs is included in Exhibit 10 of the TTC staff report. The TTC report has been submitted separately to this Council meeting.

A separate letter from TTC is being submitted to the Clerk responding to two further requests for information including the Executive Committee recommendation #2 (see above) and the outcome of the additional public meeting, held on January 20, 2009, requested by the Commission.

With Council approval of the report from Executive Committee, the Environmental Project Report for the Yonge Subway Extension will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment and a joint Notice of Completion issued with York Region. Executive Committee and the TTC have adopted staff recommendations that City Council impose a number of financial, administrative and operational conditions upon which further steps in the project approval process be based. The Project is included in the top fifteen transit

projects of the Regional Transportation Plan and will be subject, by Metrolinx, to a “prioritization” process based on the individual Benefits Case Analysis currently being conducted for each of the fifteen projects. It is expected that Metrolinx will complete the comparative evaluation process by June/July 2009.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**