

May 7, 2010

Ms. Ulli Watkiss
City Clerk
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Dear Ms. Watkiss:

Recommendations:

The Toronto Transit Commission recommends that City Council:

1. approve the recommendations of the joint City/TTC Scarborough Rapid Transit (SRT) Transit Project Assessment Study and authorize staff to submit the EPR to the Ministry of Environment.

Background:

At its meeting on Thursday May 6, 2010 the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "Scarborough Rapid Transit – Transit Project Assessment Study Recommendations".

The Commission took the following action:

1. Approved the recommendation, of the joint City/TTC Scarborough Rapid Transit (RT) Transit Project Assessment Study, as described in the attached "Scarborough Rapid Transit, Draft Environmental Project Report, Executive Summary", for:
 - a. Conversion of the existing Scarborough RT line (Kennedy Station to McCowan Station) to use Transit City Light Rail Transit (LRT) vehicles;
 - b. Extension of the Scarborough RT from McCowan Road to Malvern Town Centre, including the alignment, stations, passenger pick-up and drop-off facilities and bus terminals;
 - c. A non-revenue service connection to the proposed Sheppard East Maintenance and Storage Facility, via Progress Avenue and Sheppard Avenue East;

- d. Protection for the future Bellamy Maintenance and Storage Facility;
 - e. An amendment to the approved Scarborough-Malvern LRT Environmental Project Report (EPR) to provide an underground connection to Kennedy Station, via a portal located immediately west of Midland Avenue; and
 - f. An amendment to the Eglinton Crosstown LRT EPR to provide an underground connection to Kennedy Station, via a portal located immediately east of Ionview Road.
2. Noted that eight public consultation open houses and one community meeting were held.
 3. Forward this report to the Toronto Executive Committee for consideration at its meeting on May 17, 2010, and City Council at its meeting on June 8, 2010 recommending that City Council approve the recommendations of the SRT Transit Project Assessment Study and authorize staff to submit the EPR to the Ministry of the Environment.
 4. Forward this report to Metrolinx and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, for information.

The Commission also approved the following motions:

1. That the Commission direct staff to address the concerns of the Chinese Cultural Centre with respect to the implications of the SRT non-revenue connection on the Chinese Cultural Centre parking and garden and that a working group be established with TTC, the Chinese Cultural Centre and local community and Councillor to address these issues and identify measures to reduce impacts.
2. Subject to receiving the Minister of the Environment Notice to Proceed for the Scarborough RT conversion and extension, and subject to the successful resolution of provincial funding for Transit City projects, TTC propose an amendment to the Transit Project Assessment to include an underground connection track option as an alternative to the at-grade connection track proposed for Progress Avenue.
3. That staff be directed to explore and implement industry leading construction technologies in order to reduce noise and vibration and reasonably address community concerns as it relates to the non-revenue service connection on Progress Avenue.

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The Commission's recommendation is forwarded to Toronto City Council for its consideration.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by
K. Lee (for)***

Vincent Rodo
General Secretary
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Attachment

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