



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Council Consideration of Report from Expert Advisory Panel Regarding Transit on Sheppard Avenue East

Date:	March 15, 2012
To:	City Council
From:	City Manager
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

On February 8, 2012, Toronto City Council established an expert advisory Panel to assess options for rapid transit along the Sheppard Avenue East corridor.

The attached report, for Council's consideration, provides an overview of the Panel's recommendations, including summaries of the transit options being assessed, and the process and methodology taken to determine a preferred mode of rapid transit for Sheppard Avenue East.

The report also includes a summary of material prepared for the Panel by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), Toronto Transit Infrastructure Limited (TTIL), Metrolinx, City Planning and City Finance. It should be noted that this material was provided to the Panel to assist in their review and does not necessarily reflect the views of the Panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that City Council:

1. Consider the attached report from the Expert Advisory Panel Regarding Transit on Sheppard Avenue East.
2. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Master Agreement on behalf of the City with Metrolinx, and the TTC, to implement City Council's decisions in regard to transit expansion including without limitation all Council decisions regarding transit expansion on Sheppard Avenue, Eglinton Avenue, Finch Avenue, and that the City Manager be authorized to enter into any agreements or documents between the City,

Metrolinx, and any other parties, as may be required, desirable or necessary in relation to the implementation of such Council decisions, all on such terms and conditions as are approved by Council and as are satisfactory to the City Manager, in consultation with the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and any other relevant official, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

Please refer to the "Financial Considerations" section of the Panel report for an overview of the possible financial implications of the transit options considered by the Panel.

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

DECISION HISTORY

On February 8, 2012, Toronto City Council established an expert advisory Panel to assess options for rapid transit along the Sheppard Avenue East corridor. The February 8, 2012 meeting decision document can be found at

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewPublishedReport.do?function=getCouncilDecisionDocumentReport&meetingId=6146>

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ATTACHMENTS

Report of the Expert Advisory Panel Regarding Transit on Sheppard Avenue East