

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM37.7	ACTION			Ward:19
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Release of Section 37 Funds, 1030 King Street West, for the Preliminary Design of the King-Liberty Pedestrian/Cycling Bridge - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council increase the approved 2013 Transportation Services Capital Budget by \$500,000.00 gross, \$0 net, fully funded by Section 37 community benefits from the development at 1030 King Street West (source account XR3026-3700493), for the preliminary design of the King-Liberty Pedestrian/Cycling Bridge.

Summary

City Council, at its meeting of November 29, November 30 and December 1, 2011, approved the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the King-Liberty Pedestrian/Cycling Link which would connect the King Street West area, to the west of Strachan Avenue, across the Metrolinx Georgetown/Milton rail corridor, to the Liberty Village neighbourhood. Generally, the ESR recommended a bridge structure, approximately 5 metres in width, connecting the western leg of Douro Street and the western leg of Western Battery Road. The Ministry of Environment subsequently approved the ESR.

City Council, in approving the ESR, directed that the design of the bridge be funded from Section 37 contributions or any other appropriate third party funding, with a zero net impact to the City, and be undertaken as soon as these funds become available. The Section 37 funds required for this design assignment, in the amount of \$500,000, have been received by the City from the development at 1030 King Street West as part of a \$1 million contribution for community benefits. This Motion identifies the source account for these funds that are required for this purpose and recommends a corresponding increase in the Transportation Services Capital Budget so that a Request for Proposals (RFP) can be issued to undertake the preliminary design.

The preliminary and subsequent detailed design must be completed so that

implementation of the bridge can be scheduled as soon as Metrolinx completes the grade separation of the rail corridor at Strachan Avenue in 2014. In order to meet these timelines, staff are proposing to issue the RFP and award the design assignment in the next few months. Completion of the design and the associated cost estimate will also enable the City to pursue third party funding for the implementation of the bridge, as directed by City Council, in a timely manner.

(Submitted to City Council on July 16 and 17, 2013 as MM37.7)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM37.7

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-60090.pdf>