



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Response to Questions Regarding the Relief Line
Project Assessment (formerly the Downtown Relief Line)**

Date:	November 20, 2013
To:	Planning and Growth Management Committee
From:	Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division
Wards:	All Wards
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

The report responds to questions regarding the City/TTC Relief Line initiative and recommends a project assessment process and public consultation plan to determine the alignment and station locations for a new rapid transit line connecting the Danforth Subway to the Yonge Subway south of Gerrard Street. A summary is presented of studies that are currently being undertaken by the TTC, Metrolinx and City Planning, as well as information on the options available to undertake an environmental assessment, and recommends that the City and TTC proceed with the Relief Line Project Assessment. This includes a public process to review and finalize the scope of work (Terms of Reference) that is appended to the report, to clearly set out the work that will be undertaken, the proposed public consultation, timing and deliverables for the study. The report also appends a detailed outline of an appropriate public consultation plan for the Relief Line Project Assessment, to ensure a transparent and accountable process to engage the public and stakeholders in the decision making process for this study.

The TTC CEO has reviewed the report and agrees with the recommendations. Metrolinx representatives were also consulted in the preparation of this report.

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