Transportation Services 2017 Capital Budget Adjustments

Date: August 25, 2017
To: Budget Committee
From: General Manager, Transportation Services
Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report requests City Council’s authority to amend Transportation Services’ Approved 2017 Capital Budget by adjusting cash flows contained within the 2017 Budget to align with project delivery schedule and program requirements. These reallocations will allow Transportation Services to continue to deliver projects within its Capital Plan. The adjustments will have a zero dollar impact on the 2017 Transportation Services’ Approved Capital Budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the reallocation of funds within Transportation Services' Approved 2017 Capital Budget in the amount of $1.906 million, for funding of projects, as presented in Attachment 1, with a zero debt budget impact.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no additional costs to the City as a result of adopting the recommendations in this report.

The recommended adjustments will align Transportation Services' 2017 Capital Budget with Transportation Services' updated capital project delivery schedules and program requirements.

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

At its meeting of July 12, 13, 14, and 15, 2016, City Council endorsed the Road Safety Plan (2017-2021) and endorsed in principle the countermeasures and enhanced Road Safety Plan identified within the supplementary report (July 11, 2016). The report outlines the proposed safety countermeasures that will be implemented over a five (5) year period with the ultimate goal of eliminating traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries.


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At its meeting of April 26, 27 and 28, 2017, City Council approved additional carry forward funding from unspent capital projects and adjustments to the 2017 Approved Capital Budgets for respective City Programs and Agencies in order to continue work on previously approved capital projects, with no incremental net impact on debt. The adjustment to the carry-forwards for Transportation Services resulted in an overall reduction of carry-forward funding to $100.281 million.


At its meeting of July 4, 5, 6 and 7, 2017, City Council authorized the reallocation of funds within Transportation Services' 2017 Capital Budget in the amount of $2.730 million gross and $0 debt, for funding of projects and authorized the reallocation of funds from Transportation Services' 2017 Capital Budget to Toronto Transit Commission's 2017 Capital Budget in the amount of $0.850 million gross and $0.425 million debt for funding of bicycle parking projects.


COMMENTS

Transportation Services is seeking approval to amend the 2017 Approved Capital Budget to better align cash flows to revised forecasted expenditures, reflecting project and program requirements, in accordance with Section 71-9 B to E of the Financial Control By-Law. These adjustments will result in improved spending rates for 2017 and future years.

Several Transportation Services' 2017 Capital Programs, as identified below and in Attachment 1, are recommended to be adjusted to provide additional funding for projects in order to accelerate the implementation of the Road Safety Plan.

It is proposed that the additional funding be drawn from those programs that are currently estimated to be underspent by year-end, due to project efficiencies that allowed projects to complete works at a lower than expected cost estimates.
Project Delivery Schedule Amendments

Brief explanations for each of the affected program areas are presented below and summarized in Attachment 1.

1) Local Geometric Traffic Safety Improvements

Additional funding is recommended for the implementation of the Road Safety Plan. This change will accelerate a number of key programs in the Road Safety Plan such as implementation of Senior Safety Zones, School Safety Zones and Pedestrian Safety Corridors. The additional 2017 cash flow required for the Local Geometric Traffic Safety Improvements Program (CTP Account 717-58) is $1.906 million, resulting in a total 2017 cash flow of $4.156 million.

2) Local Speed Limit Reduction

The Local Speed Limit Reduction program consists of a number of projects to improve pavement markings and update speed limit signs on Pedestrian Safety Corridors to reflect the reduced speed limits of a by-law change. The value of the contact award for these projects was below estimate, resulting in a projected underspending of $0.600 million in 2017.

3) Accessible Pedestrian Signals

The Accessible Pedestrian Signals program was developed to implement new accessible pedestrian signals at existing signalized intersections on request basis. The tender for a number of accessible pedestrian signal installation retrofit projects, namely Spadina Avenue & Bremner Boulevard, Dufferin Street & Queen Street, Parliament Street & Dundas Street, and Queen Street & Parliament Street, came in below installation cost estimate, resulting in an estimated project underspending of $0.454 million in 2017.

4) Don Valley Parkway Rehabilitation

The Don Valley Parkway program had only one major contract award in 2017, for work that was performed during the annual Spring Maintenance closure, which took place from April 22 to 23, 2017. No fall 2017 maintenance works are planned, resulting in a projected underspending of $0.893 million in 2017.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Proposed 2017 Budget Reallocations
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