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Toronto-Ontario Transit Update

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Report Background

- February 12, 2019 City, TTC, and Province establish Terms of Reference for the Transit Responsibilities Realignment Review.
- Terms of Reference identifies three option streams:
 - 1. Provincial ownership of the subway network / the "upload"
 - 2. Provincial ownership role in subway expansion only
 - 3. Broader regional realignment of transit responsibilities
- In April 2019, City Council directed staff to undertake a technical assessment of the Province transit expansion proposal (Ontario Line, Line 2 East Extension, Eglinton West LRT, and Yonge Subway Extension).



Technical Assessment





Under the Terms of Reference - City, TTC, Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario staff convened a steering committee and set of technical working groups.

Working groups primarily focused on:

- Modelling network
- Assessing alignment options (Ontario Line and L2EE)
- Public Consultation



Ontario Line

15.5 km higher-order transit line (stand-alone)15 stations from Exhibition GO to Line 5 Science Centre (Don Mills Road and Eglinton Avenue East).

As proposed:

- Helps relieve demand on Line 1
- Brings higher-order transit closer to Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (Thorncliffe and Flemingdon Park).
- Contributes to higher-order transit network with new interchange stations with Lines 1, 2, 5, and GO.
- Concerns of community impact in at-grade and elevated sections





Line 2 East Extension

8 km subway extension of Line 2 Bloor-Danforth (from Kennedy) 3 stations at Lawrence/McCowan, Scarborough Centre, and Sheppard/McCowan.

As proposed:

- Expands subway network and eliminates transfer between lines at Kennedy station
- Brings higher-order transit to Neighbourhood Improvement Area (Woburn)
- Catalyzes transit-oriented growth development of Scarborough Centre
- Replaces aging Line 3 Scarborough Rapid Transit
- Concerns of delay and resulting impacts to mobility





Eglinton West LRT and Yonge Subway Extension

- Limited information is available on the plans for Eglinton West LRT and Yonge Subway Extension.
- Province is:
 - undertaking value engineering and scope review exercise of YSE
 - reviewing scope to include a subterranean segment of EWLRT
- Staff propose continuing to work with the Province on these projects.



Summary of Technical Assessment

Ontario Line and Line 2 East Extension are supportable in principle, based on level of information available at this stage of project development.

Both projects have:

- elements similar to projects previously considered by Council,
- ability to deliver positive benefits of new capacity and relief to Toronto's transit network,
- ability to provide access to new higher-order transit throughout the city, including equity-seeking communities, and
- matters that require ongoing City/TTC engagement and collaboration.

Eglinton West LRT and Yonge Subway Extension projects are anticipated to provide similar attributes but require more work.



Overview of Proposal – Key Terms

Proposal acknowledges significant role of the City, Province and Federal Government in delivering transit to serve the city and region.



City Retains Ownership of Existing Subway Network

- Province would no longer assume ownership of the existing subway network.
- Ownership of existing TTC subway system will remain with the City and TTC.
- Province retains ownership of the expansion projects.

TTC Retains Operations of the Transit Network

- TTC operates the existing network and the four expansion projects.
- City/TTC retains fare box revenues to defray operating costs.
- Provincial commitment to negotiate operating contributions from other municipalities where subway service is provided.
- Province will work with City and TTC to further define roles and responsibilities on service levels and standards through operating and maintenance agreements.



Capital Funding - State of Good Repair and Expansion

- Province will not seek city contributions for capital funding towards the four projects, subject to:
 - City redirecting funds it would have otherwise been expected to contribute (~\$5.1 Billion +) towards state-of-good-repair to the existing subway network and/or expansion projects
 - Discussion on redirection to other expansion projects as previously determined by Council that are presented with a viable business case and progress towards addressing SOGR in subway
- Province will undertake financial review and reconciliation of City/TTC costs to-date for Relief Line South and Line 2 East Extension and reimburse for reasonable costs incurred.



Federal Funding

- City will endorse reallocation of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Public Transit Infrastructure Fund Phase 2 (ICIP-PTIF2) funding to Provincial projects:
 - Up to \$0.660 billion for Line 2 East Extension
 - Up to \$3.151 billion for proposed Ontario Line
- Province and City will continue to advance the SmartTrack Stations Program and Bloor/Yonge Capacity Improvement Project through ICIP-PTIF2 Program.
- Province and City will partner to seek further federal engagement and funding commitment for all priority projects.



Collaborate and Accelerate

- Provincial commitment to collaborate with City and TTC through design, development, and delivery of its priority projects.
- City and Province will jointly seek opportunities to advance, streamline, and accelerate delivery of priority transit projects, where possible.
 - Transit Expansion Office will act as one-window access to the City and facilitate City role in project implementation
- Province and City to enter into an Memorandum of Understanding to clarify objectives and roles and responsibilities in Transit Oriented Development.



Next Steps

Subject to Council direction:

- Develop Preliminary Agreement reflecting Term Sheet (Att. 6).
- Develop Master Agreement(s) and applicable MOU's.
- Continue discussions as per the Terms of Reference with the Province, and other municipal partners, on a regional approach to mobility.
- Report in 2020 with a prioritization for redirection of funds to SOGR and/or expansion, including an updated funding and financial strategy.
- Provide semi-annual updates on progress of projects to Council.
- Work with Provincial and Federal governments to develop long-term plan for dedicated and stable funding to support ongoing transit operations, state of good repair and expansion.



Thank you

