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
Approach

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.
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