



Official Plan Review: Transportation - Recommended Official Plan Amendment - Supplementary Report

Date: February 7, 2020

To: Planning and Housing Committee

From: Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division

Wards: All

SUMMARY

The purpose of this supplemental report is to present and respond to the letter from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) dated January 28, 2020 (Attachment 1). In the letter, MMAH make a number of comments for the City's consideration. As a result of the comments, a few minor revisions to the recommended Official Plan Amendment are suggested.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division recommends that:

1. City Council amend the Official Plan Amendment No. 456 by amending modification 11 to Section 2.4 which deletes and replaces existing Policy 2.4(13) by inserting a sub-policy which reads "connecting to the Province-wide Cycling Network identified by the Ministry of Transportation" as sub-policy (b)(iii) and renumbering the subsequent sub-policies appropriately.
2. City Council amend the Official Plan Amendment No. 456 by further amending the paragraph of the preamble text in Section 2.2.2 which begins with "*Scarborough Centre*" by adding the words ", inter-regional transit" between the words "stations" and "and", and deleting the words "13 surface TTC" and replacing them with the words "TTC surface".

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The City Planning Division confirms that there are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations included in the report in the current budget year or in future years.

DECISION HISTORY

The Decision History can be found in the January 29, 2020 report from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning on Official Plan Review: Transportation - Recommended Official Plan Amendment.

COMMENTS

As required by the *Planning Act*, City Planning submitted a draft of Official Plan Amendment No. 456 (OPA 456) to MMAH on November 4, 2019. Through the One-Window Provincial Planning Review process, MMAH circulated the draft to other provincial bodies.

On January 28, 2020, City Planning received a letter from MMAH which included a number of comments and suggestions for the City's consideration prior to adoption of OPA 456. Specific responses to the suggestions and comments are provided below.

The suggestion to add policies to reflect policies 3.2.3.1 and 3.2.3.3 of A Place to Grow would duplicate policies already in or proposed for addition to the Official Plan. Amendments to Policy 2.2(3) would identify state of good repair as the first priority for investment in the transportation system and that walking, cycling and transit are priorities over other passenger transportation modes for the development of the transportation system. Existing Policy 2.1(1)(a) states that the City will work with neighbouring municipalities, the Province, and Metrolinx to implement the growth framework including an inter-regional transit service with integrated services and fares.

The Ministry suggests deleting Policy 2.4(3)(f). While staff agree that the suggestion is reasonable given the changes to Metrolinx's mandate in 2018 which focussed the Agency's work on matters related to transit, Policy 2.4(3)(f) was added as part of the first phase of the transportation policy review and is not in scope for this part of the review. Staff recommend that the policy be revisited as part of the next Official Plan Review.

The suggestion to add a bullet to Policy 2.4(14)(b) with respect to connecting to the Province-wide Cycling Network is reasonable and recommended by staff. The proposed change to the recommended Official Plan policy can be seen in Attachment 2.

The suggestion to acknowledge the importance of GO Bus service in Scarborough Centre is reasonable and recommended by staff. The proposed change to the recommended Official Plan preamble text can be seen in Attachment 2.

The recommended Map 4 identifies the Ontario Line as suggested. Within the City of Toronto, the Union Pearson Express follows GO Rail Lines which are identified on the recommended Map 4. The change would add context but is not necessary.

The MTO's Freight Supportive Guidelines will be used as a resource as suggested in the preparation of freight supportive integrated land use-transportation policies and detailed master plans as suggested.

Staff are aware of MTO's work on a Multimodal Transportation Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) and look forward to continuing to work with them to advance transportation planning in the region.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Attachment 2: Proposed change to the recommended Official Plan policy