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Mr. John Elvidge, City Clerk
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Dear Mr. Elvidge,

Re: Administrative Inquiry Regarding the Gardiner East Project

Councillor Josh Matlow submitted an Administrative Inquiry to seek information on the Gardiner East Project. This letter provides a response to this request. It has been developed in collaboration with Transportation Services, Engineering & Construction Services, Financial Planning, and the Waterfront Secretariat.

Introduction

City Council, at their meeting of March 31 and April 1, 2016, in considering the staff report titled "Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard East Reconfiguration Environmental Assessment (EA) and Integrated Urban Design Study - Evaluation of Preferred Design," approved the Hybrid 3 alternative design. The Hybrid 3 alternative includes the rebuild of the 1.1 kilometre elevated section of the Gardiner Expressway between Jarvis Street and Cherry Street and the realignment of the approximately 1.0 kilometre elevated section between Cherry Street and the Don Valley Parkway. City Council's decision can be found at: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2016.PW11.1>

Response

Please find below responses to each of the questions submitted.

1. What is the updated cost estimate for the Gardiner East Hybrid 3 option?

For clarity, Table 1 summaries the components of the Gardiner East Hybrid 3 implementation and their status.

Table 1 – Status of Gardiner East Hybrid 3 Implementation

Section/Component		Status
i)	Reconstruction of Elevated Expressway: Jarvis Street to Cherry Street	Construction completed in 2021.
ii)	Reconstruction of: a) Elevated Expressway: Cherry Street to Don Valley Parkway b) New on/off ramps east of Cherry Street c) Lake Shore Boulevard with Public Realm: Cherry Street to Don Roadway	Preliminary engineering design is nearing completion.
iii)	a) Removal of Logan Ramps b) Reconstruction of Lake Shore Boulevard: Don Roadway to Carlaw Avenue c) Reconstruction of Lake Shore Boulevard Bridge over Don River/Keating Channel	Work currently being undertaken through a Project Delivery Agreement with Waterfront Toronto expected to be completed by 2025.
iv)	Reconstruction of Lake Shore Boulevard with Public Realm: Jarvis Street to Cherry Street	Preliminary engineering is expected to be initiated in 2023.

Project components that have been either completed or are under construction – as summarized in Table 1(i) and (iii) – equates to approximately \$500 million. These are project costs that have already been spent or contractually committed for the implementation of the Gardiner East Hybrid 3 option.

Construction for work summarized in Table 1(ii) is planned to begin in 2026. In 2022, a preliminary cost for this work was estimated at approximately \$450 million. This estimate includes the construction of the realigned elevated expressway from Cherry Street to Don Valley Parkway, new on/off ramps east of Cherry Street, and the realignment of Lake Shore Boulevard. The estimate did not include all elements of the project such as the public realm components for the reconstruction of Lake Shore Boulevard, electrical work associated with streetlighting on the elevated expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard, and utility relocations as the scope of work associated with these elements is being confirmed. In addition, the estimate did not account for the significant inflation currently being experienced on construction projects. As is typical for projects of this scale, the cost estimate will continue to be refined as the engineering design work progresses.

The 2023 to 2032 Transportation Services 10-Year Capital Plan includes an allocation in the order of \$650 million for the delivery of the remaining components as summarized in Table 1(ii) and (iv). This represents the estimated capital construction cost, high level estimates for the public realm components, electrical work and utility relocations as well as associated professional services.

Work underway to further refine the 2022 cost estimate includes advancing the assessment of utility relocation requirements, design considerations associated with other projects in the vicinity including the Waterfront East LRT and Metrolinx Ontario Line, and scope refinement for the public realm on Lake Shore Boulevard. An updated cost estimate for this work is expected in Q2 2023.

2. Is the \$500 million figure regarding contracts awarded for the Gardiner East rebuild cited in the CP24 article still accurate?

Yes, as summarized in Table 1, the implementation of the Gardiner East Hybrid 3 design alternative is well underway. Components of the work, as summarized in Table 1(i) and (iii), that have been completed or are under construction and are estimated at \$500 million.

Sincerely,



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