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2025 CAPITAL BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

North York Service Road Extension (Doris Avenue Extension)

Background:

At its meeting of January 17, 2025, the Budget Committee requested that the General Manager, Transportation Services, provides information on the Doris Avenue Extension in Ward 18, Willowdale, including:

- a. when the Doris Avenue Extension was initially planned;
- b. any associated project funding spent to-date; and
- c. the current proposed budget for the project.

Project History:

- The plan for completion of the North York Centre Service Road south of Sheppard Avenue East was first established in the 1996 Downtown Plan South of Sheppard Environmental Assessment (EA). In 1998, a Class EA Addendum was completed in response to an Ontario Municipal Board decision to reflect the new South Downtown Area Boundary.
- In 2011, City Council directed staff to initiate the expropriation of the properties required for the Doris Avenue Extension south of Sheppard Avenue East:
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2011.GM5.10>
- In 2014, City Council directed Transportation to revisit the design of the Doris Avenue Extension and reevaluate all options with a priority to road capacity and operations, addressing constructability challenges and minimizing impact on surrounding developments.
- In December 2020, staff reported to City Council recommending a two phased implementation of the Doris Avenue Extension with a phase 1 – Interim Condition (off-set intersection) and phase 2 – Future Condition (continuous intersection):
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2020.IE18.2>
- In 2022, an EA Addendum was filed consistent with Council direction from December 2020. Additionally, the EA Addendum included a recommendation that, if a strategy is identified during the next phase of design that makes the immediate implementation of phase 2 feasible in the near-term, phase 1 could be omitted.

Project Status:

- A contract for consulting services was awarded in November, 2024 for the Preliminary Design, Detailed Design, Contract Administration during Construction and Post Construction of the Doris Avenue Extension:
<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.BA108.5>
- The land acquisition for all of the properties required for phase 1 – Interim Condition (off-set intersection) has been completed.
- Design is expected to occur throughout 2025 and 2026; construction is anticipated to start in 2027.

Project Spending to-date:

Doris Extension	Spending up to Year End 2024 (\$ in millions)
Property Acquisition and related costs	\$21.52
Study & Design	\$0.12
Total	\$21.65
* Past spending relates to works required at the Doris Ave and Sheppard Ave East intersection as well as the extension south of Sheppard Ave East	
**Spending reflects expenditures recorded as of Briefing Note date	

Proposed Future Budget for the Project:

Proposed 2025-2034 Budget (\$ in millions)	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
	\$0.30	\$1.86	\$6.99	\$3.46	\$0.03	\$0.03	\$12.65

- Proposed budget reflects funding needs associated with the implementation of the phase 1 – Interim Condition (off-set intersection). If the design process determines that phase 2 – Future Condition (continuous intersection) is feasible for implementation in the near-term, additional funding requests will be submitted as part of the future budget submission process for Council consideration.
- Proposed budget includes an overall increase of \$2.43 million to the ten-year plan, above the 2024-2033 Capital Plan to reflect updated pricing for detailed design as well as projected inflation to anticipated construction costs.

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