



For Action with Confidential Attachment

SRT Busway Acceleration Plan

Date: February 3, 2026
To: TTC Board
From: Chief Capital Officer

Reason for Confidential Information

This report contains information about a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the City or local board.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the TTC Board:

1. Authorize that the information in the Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential in its entirety.

Summary

This report provides an update on the acceleration plan to target the start of revenue service by September 30, 2026, on the SRT Busway.

This report is a follow up to the July 17, 2025 Board report, SRT Busway Update, which provided an interim update on the measures taken to support the acceleration goal of advancing the revenue service date in response to a motion adopted by the Board at its meeting of May 14, 2025, "That the Board direct staff to work with the City Manager, the General Manager, Transportation Services, and the Executive Director, Transit Expansion Division to expedite all required land acquisitions and permits to accelerate construction of the SRT busway and report back in July on the acceleration plan."

Background and Analysis

The SRT Bus Replacement project is being delivered in two phases. The first phase, which was completed in 2024, involved increasing the bus terminal capacities at Scarborough Centre Station and Kennedy Station to be able to accommodate the increase in bus service. This included modifying the bus platform at Scarborough Centre Bus Terminal and building a temporary bus terminal at Kennedy Station. The first phase also included various transit priority measures, such as bus priority lanes, traffic signal modifications, and changes at key intersections to allow for more efficient movement of buses in mixed traffic.

The second phase involves converting the SRT right-of-way (ROW) into a Busway. The buses would operate in the converted busway between Kennedy and Ellesmere stations and then run on priority lanes on Ellesmere Road to Scarborough Centre Bus Terminal. Stops are planned at Tara Avenue, Lawrence Avenue East, and Ellesmere Road.

The contract to build the SRT Busway was awarded to Clearway Construction Inc. on June 5, 2025, following the approval of the delegated authority report to award the Contract J35-13 SRT Bus Replacement Conversion of SRT ROW to Busway by the TTC Board at its May 14, 2025 meeting.

At that meeting, the Board also adopted a motion directing staff to work with the City Manager, the General Manager, Transportation Services, and the Executive Director, Transit Expansion Division, to expedite all required land acquisitions and permits to accelerate construction of the SRT Busway and report back in July on the acceleration plan.

In response to the motion, staff provided an interim update to the Board on the steps taken to accelerate the work at the July 17, 2025 Board meeting, including measures taken to streamline internal processes to support the acceleration goal and workings with various City departments to expedite the issuance of permits and property acquisition.

This report provides the details of the acceleration plan to advance the start of revenue service to September 30, 2026 from spring 2027. The acceleration plan includes the following measures by the Contractor to meet the earlier revenue service date:

- Winter and nighttime works and extended shift hours.
- Additional supervisory resources.
- Additional traffic control component.
- Additional mechanical support and logistics staff.
- Additional subcontractors and suppliers.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Matters

The TTC is dedicated to promoting and supporting diversity, accessibility, and inclusion in all of its corporate policies, programs, and services. A cornerstone of the TTC's current Corporate Plan is universal accessibility, and as a proud leader in providing accessible public transit to Toronto residents and beyond, we are committed to ensuring reliable, safe, and inclusive transit services for all our customers.

Previously, Line 3 Scarborough (formerly SRT) was only partially accessible with elevators and other accessibility features provided at Kennedy and Scarborough Centre stations and limited step-free access to southbound trains at Lawrence East Station. However, Ellesmere, Midland, and McCowan stations were not accessible, as well as northbound service at Lawrence East Station. Accessibility improvements for these stations were removed from the scope of the TTC's Easier Access (EA) program in 2014 due to the expectation at the time that Line 3 would be upgraded or replaced by the provincially legislated Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) deadline of 2025.

The Line 3 Bus Replacement project replaces Line 3 train service with accessible bus service between Scarborough Centre Station and Kennedy Station until the opening of the Scarborough Subway Extension. This bus service maintains frequent transit for numerous Neighbourhood Improvement Areas and equity-seeking groups in Scarborough.

Corporate Plan Alignment

The SRT Bus Replacement project aligns with the Corporate Plan, Strategic Direction 2 – Attract New Riders, Retain Customer Loyalty, by constructing a dedicated bus corridor serving as a replacement for the TTC’s Line 3 Scarborough Rapid Transit system, which was decommissioned in 2023 (Action 2.3.3). The expected benefits of constructing the Busway for customers include a faster, more reliable journey, and providing customers with overall journey times that are comparable to the previous Line 3 train service.

Financial Impact

Funds for the Line 3 Bus Replacement and Busway program are included in the TTC’s 2025-2034 Approved Capital Budget and Plan under the Scarborough Rapid Transit (SRT) capital program, as approved by the TTC Board on January 10, 2025, and by the City Council on February 11, 2025.

The total project budget for the SRT Bus Replacement Infrastructure project is \$93.8 million, comprising of costs incurred to the end of 2024 of \$26.5 million and cash flow funding of \$67.3 million between 2025 and 2027, as summarized in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Line 3 Busway Program 2025-2034 Approved Capital Budget and Plan

2025 - 2034 Approved Capital Plan (\$000's)	LTD Actuals to 2024	2025 Budget	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030 - 2034	10-Year Total	Total Project Cost
Line 3 Busway Program	26,514	16,720	33,968	16,639	-	-	-	67,328	93,842

The Interim Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

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Attachments

Appendix A – Decision History
Confidential Attachment 1

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The 2024-2033 Capital Budget and Plan that was approved by the TTC Board on December 20, 2023 was revised and subsequently approved by City Council on February 14, 2024, reflecting the reallocation of \$67.9 million necessary to accommodate full funding of the SRT Busway project based on a 60% design estimate.

[SRT Line 3 Bus Replacement and Busway Status Update](#)

At its meeting on April 23-24, 2025, City Council considered a report entitled, Scarborough Busway – On-Street Measures to Support Busway Operations, and adopted a motion requesting the TTC to update City Council through the Scarborough Community Council on the SRT Busway project by July 2025.

[SC21.10 – Scarborough Busway – On-Street Measures to Support Busway Operations](#)

At its meeting on May 14, 2025, the TTC Board approved the delegated authority report to delegate authority to the TTC Chief Executive Officer to award contract J35-13 SRT Bus Replacement Conversion of SRT ROW to Busway.

[SRT Bus Replacement Conversion of SRT ROW to Busway](#)

The SRT Busway Update report was provided to the Board at its July 17, 2025, meeting. The report provided an interim update on the measures taken to support the acceleration goal of advancing the revenue service date in response to a motion adopted by the Board at its meeting of May 14, 2025, “That the Board direct staff to work with the City Manager, the General Manager, Transportation Services, and the Executive Director, Transit Expansion Division to expedite all required land acquisitions and permits to accelerate construction of the SRT busway and report back in July on the acceleration plan.”

[SRT Busway Update](#)