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**TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION**

**REPORT NO.**

**MEETING DATE:** September 19, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Notice of award of procurement authorization amendment environmental assessment study waterfront west streetcars contract g85-218 contract amendment no. 4

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Commission receive the notice of award of Chair Giambrone, Commissioner De Baeremaeker and the Chief General Manager approving authorization of Contract Amendment No. 4 to LEA Consulting Ltd. for consultant services – Feasibility and Environmental Assessment of Waterfront West LRT – Park Lawn Road to Long Branch loop in the upset limit amount of \$350,000 for a total authorization of \$1,696,000.

**FUNDING**

Sufficient funds are included in Program 3.9 Buildings & Structures under EAs for BRT/LRT Network (pages 992 e1-e2) Expansion Category of the TTC 2007-2011 Capital Program which was approved by City Council on March 7, 2007.

## **BACKGROUND**

At its meeting of June 13, 2007, the Commission approved the revisions and updates to the Authorization for Expenditures and Other Commitments Policy/Instruction, which states that *“The Commission delegates authority to the Chair, Vice-Chair and Chief General Manager to authorize items that would normally be authorized by the Commission when the approval is required prior to the next Commission meeting. If the Chair and/or the Vice-Chair are not available, authority will be deemed to be delegated to any 2 Commissioners and the Chief General Manager. These authorizations are to be followed up by a notice of award Commission report that is to be submitted to the next scheduled Commission meeting for information.”*

At meetings in March, May, June and July 2007, the Commission considered the Toronto City Light Rail Plan and actions required to move forward on these plans. The Plan includes a network of seven LRT lines across the City as follows:

- Sheppard Avenue East – Don Mills to Meadowvale
- Finch Avenue West – Yonge Street to Highway 27
- Eglinton Avenue – Kennedy Station to the Airport
- Waterfront West – Union to Long Branch
- Don Mills – BD Subway to Steeles
- Jane – BD subway to Steeles
- Scarborough/Malvern – Kennedy Station to Morningside/Sheppard area

The schedule for implementation of the Plan requires early action to move toward the initiation of construction in 2008. The following works are required in this regard:

- Feasibility Studies

- Environmental Assessment Studies
- Design
- Construction

As reported to the Commission, feasibility studies are already underway on the Sheppard East and Finch West lines and work on the Eglinton Avenue LRT is about to start.

The Waterfront West line consists of four sections as follows:

- 1) From CNE loop to Dufferin
- 2) From Dufferin to Roncesvalles
- 3) Park Lawn Loop
- 4) From Park Lawn to Long Branch Loop

Contract details for LEA Consulting Ltd. are as follows:

Original Award	\$1,200,000
Previously Approved	\$ 146,000
This Amendment	<u>\$ 350,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,696,000

Work on this amendment is 0% complete.

## **DISCUSSION**

LEA Consulting Ltd. (LEA) was selected in 2006 to undertake the Waterfront West EA through a competitive process based on their expertise and experience in the area. LEA is engaged in the EA Amendment for the CNE to Dufferin segment, an individual EA for the segment from Dufferin to Roncesvalles and the design of the Park Lawn Loop. Their work on these elements has been satisfactory and they have met the project schedule and expected deliverables.

The completion of the Waterfront West line analysis to Long Branch is considered the next step given the current work on the line to Park Lawn Road. Based on their current Waterfront West EA work, it is considered logical and most cost effective to assign the feasibility and EA work on the section between Park Lawn and Long Branch Loop to LEA Consulting Ltd. Sole source approval was requested and obtained from the Chief General Manager on July 19, 2007.

## **JUSTIFICATION**

The urgency to move forward on the Transit City LRT Plan requires that the tasks involved be undertaken immediately in order to initiate construction of at least one line in 2008.

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