

Retrofit Of Subway/SRT Open Stairway Entrances

Meeting Date: July 10, 2008

Subject: Retrofit Of Subway/SRT Open Stairway Entrances

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Commission approve the design concepts for the retrofit of the open stairway entrances at Lawrence Station and Osgoode Station.

Funding

Funding is included under project 3.1 Finishes, Station Modernization Program, as set out on pages 581R to 583R in the Improvement category of the 2008-2012 Capital Program, approved by City Council on December 11, 2007.

Commission approval will be requested if additional funds are required based on the development of the detail designs.

Background

At its meeting of March 21, 2007, the Commission authorized the development of design concepts for the retrofit of eight Subway/SRT Station Entrances.

Proposals from Architects were requested for the following locations:

1. Finch Station – Adamson Associates Architects;
2. Lawrence Station – Zeidler Partnership;
3. Kennedy Station – Stevens Group Architects Inc.;
4. Ellesmere Station – Moriyama & Teshima Architects;
5. Lawrence East Station – Moriyama & Teshima Architects;
6. Museum – Daniel Libeskind Architects;
7. St. Patrick – Frank Gehry Architects; and
8. Osgoode Station – Diamond + Schmitt Architects Inc.

At its meeting of September 19, 2007, the Commission supported the urban design upgrades to sidewalk entrances at the eight stations as part of the Station Modernization Program.

Discussion

The attached submissions (Exhibits 1, 2 and 3) were received for Lawrence, Osgoode and Kennedy Stations, from three Architectural firms, respectively Zeidler Partnership, Diamond + Schmitt Architects Inc. and Stevens Group Architects Inc. Design submissions were not received for the remaining stations.

The submissions received from the Architects are conceptual in nature. These concepts will need to be developed further during detailed design, in order to achieve the required goals of improving safety, cleanliness, weather protection and reducing maintenance requirements. Designers will integrate essential components such as fire ventilation, lighting, security, maintainability and station identity signage, ensuring conformance to TTC Standards.

It is recommended that the concept for Lawrence Station, which includes two sidewalk entrances at the north end of the station, proceed to detailed design by staff in 2008. It is recommended that the Osgoode Station concept (4 sidewalk entrances) advance to detailed design and be included in 2009 as part of the University Subway Stations Renaissance Project, ensuring that street entrance modifications are compatible with platform level modifications. Based on these conceptual designs, it is not clear if there will be any cost implications. Commission approval of the detailed designs for Lawrence and Osgoode Stations will be sought once completed, including clarification and approval of any resulting cost implications at that time.

Detailed design for Lawrence East Station, Ellesmere Station and Kennedy Station will be considered in the SRT Conversion Project. Detailed design for the Museum Station and St. Patrick Station entrances will be pursued as part of the University Subway Stations Renaissance Project.

In addition to the above, sidewalk entrances are also present at an additional 12 stations. Modifications to sidewalk entrances at Union Station and Kipling Station will be undertaken as part of upcoming redevelopments at these stations. For the other stations, the current plan is to improve the entrances at the rate of one station per year starting in 2010, subject to funding availability.

Justification

Providing improved subway/SRT station sidewalk entrances will improve the appearance, safety and cleanliness of the sidewalk entrances identified.

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Attachment: Exhibits 1 to 3