

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: January 20, 2010

SUBJECT: PROJECT LABOUR AGREEMENT – TRANSIT CITY

ACTION

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

This report is about labour relations

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Commission approve the recommendation contained in the Confidential Attachment.
2. The Commission authorize the release of the information contained in the Confidential Attachment upon execution of any subsequent project labour agreement.

FUNDING

Any potential funding implications will be addressed in a subsequent report.

BACKGROUND

At the December 16, 2009 Commission Meeting a motion was approved that the communication dated December 8, 2009 (copy attached) be adopted in principle and referred to staff for appropriate action.

In April 2009, the Premier of Ontario announced that four transit projects within the City of Toronto, consisting of the Sheppard LRT, Finch LRT, Eglinton LRT and Scarborough RT ("Projects") would proceed as part of a landmark investment in rapid transit in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area;

In May 2009, the Province of Ontario passed amendments to the *Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Act, 2006* (now called the *Metrolinx Act, 2006*), including the ability of the Minister of Transportation to designate certain projects as "regional transit systems". In accordance with the *Metrolinx Act, 2006*, all assets of a "regional transit system" shall be owned and controlled by Metrolinx. The Ministry of Transportation has advised the City of Toronto and the TTC that the Minister of Transportation will be declaring the Projects as "regional transit systems".

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) is responsible for delivering the Transit City Program (which includes the Projects) on behalf of Metrolinx, subject to the finalization of governance agreements which includes procurement protocols. Based on preliminary discussions, all contracts issued and awarded for the Projects will be entered into either by the TTC, on behalf of Metrolinx, or directly by Metrolinx and the third party. As a current condition of funding for the Projects, TTC is not permitted to enter into any contract relating to the Projects without the approval of Metrolinx. This is consistent with the *Metrolinx Act, 2006* requiring Metrolinx to own and control all “regional transit system” assets.

In order to ensure that the TTC procurement practices and contracts are consistent with Provincial policy, Metrolinx is currently reviewing TTC standard documents.

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