

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF APPROVAL
UITP INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION LIGHT RAIL CONFERENCE AND
STUDY TOUR, MADRID SPAIN AND TRANSIT SYSTEM
VISIT, PARIS FRANCE

INFORMATION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission receive the notice of approval of Vice-Chair Mihevc, Commissioner Peter Milczyn and the Chief General Manager, approving the following staff to attend the UITP International Association of Public Transportation Light Rail Conference and Study Tour in Madrid Spain from October 10 to October 21, 2010 and the Transit System Visit in Paris France from October 21 to October 24, 2010 at a total estimated cost of \$30,000.

- Sameh Ghaly, Program Manager
- Anna Pace, Director Strategic Partnerships
- Mitch Stambler, Manager Service Planning

FUNDING

Funding for this expenditure is included in the capital program budget under Transit City Projects (Sameh Ghaly and Anna Pace) and can be accommodated in the operating budget (Mitch Stambler) as approved by City Council on December 8, 2009 and April 15, 2010, respectively. Funding for approved Transit City LRT project expenditures is provided through Metrolinx.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of July 14, 2010, the Commission approved the revisions and updates to the Authorization for Expenditures and Other Commitments Policy, effective August 1, 2010, which states that *"The Commission delegates authority to the Chair, Vice-Chair and the Chief General Manager to authorize items that would normally be authorized by the Commission when the approval is required before the next Commission meeting. If the Chair and/or Vice-Chair are not available, authority would be deemed to be delegated to any two (2) Commissioners and the Chief General Manager."* These authorizations are to be

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followed up by a notice of award Commission report that is to be submitted to the next scheduled Commission meeting for information.

The UITP International Association of Public Transportation is a pre-eminent international organization for public transportation authorities; policy decision-makers, scientific institutes and the public transportation supply and service industry, who host a biannual conference. This conference focuses on all aspects of Light Rail Transit, and will offer a comprehensive overview of the latest developments in LRT technology.

DISCUSSION

The Transit City LRT program is developing best practices and innovations for the design, delivery and operation of one of the largest LRT expansion programs in the world. The UITP Study Tour and Conference is a valuable opportunity to learn from other jurisdictions that have successfully implemented new LRT systems in urban environments and to make contact with key staff from other transit operators. Spain has been a world leader in LRT delivery and operation. The UITP Study Tour and additional study tour of the Paris LRT will provide an in-depth look at the engineering, operation, and community impacts and outreach that were employed for LRT implementation in major European cities. In addition, the conference and study tours are opportunities to inform other jurisdictions about the LRT expansion in Toronto.

JUSTIFICATION

The conference and study tour in Spain and transit systems visit in France will address aspects of LRT that would be valuable learning for Transit City.

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