

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

SUBJECT: TRANSIT CITY LRT – PROJECT EXTENSIONS

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission receive this report noting that the preliminary planning and environmental assessments for extensions to the Transit City LRT projects will be considered following completion of the Transit City studies currently underway.

FUNDING

There are no financial impacts as a direct result of the recommendations of this report.

Funding in the amount of \$1 Million to commence the extensions to environmental assessments is included under Project 3.9 Environmental Assessments – Extensions to the Transit City Lines, as outlined on page 952 E in the TTC 2010 – 2014 Capital Program which was approved by City Council on December 8, 2009. There are sufficient funds for this expenditure in the current funding.

BACKGROUND

The Transit City Light Rail Plan was approved by the Commission in March 2007. In 2008, preliminary planning and environmental assessments commenced for the Transit City Light Rail projects. During the course of the planning, the Commission and Toronto Council have identified and endorsed a number of requests to extend or modify the Transit City Projects.

DISCUSSION

Through the preliminary planning and environmental assessments for the Transit City LRT projects the following modifications and extensions were proposed and endorsed by the Commission or Toronto Council:

Sheppard East LRT

- Branch via McCowan Road to Scarborough City Centre
- Extension to Toronto Zoo

Finch West LRT

- Extension to Woodbine Live
- Extension to Pearson Airport

Jane LRT

- Extension south via South Kingsway to Lake Shore Boulevard
- Extension of the 512 St. Clair streetcar from Gunn's loop to Jane Street

The February 2009 Transit City Update report to the Commission noted that these extensions are considered as separate phases of work to be undertaken following the completion of the EAs and preliminary planning for the base Transit City Projects.

The December 2009 Transit City Update report noted that staff planned to report to the Commission in mid-2010 on the priority and sequencing of the studies for the Transit City Project extensions and that the TTC 2010 - 2014 Capital Budget includes funding to commence these additional environmental assessments.

Through 2010, staff resources have been focused on furthering the planning and design of the four funded Transit City Projects, Sheppard East, Finch West, Eglinton Crosstown and Scarborough RT and the three associated Maintenance and Storage Facilities. As a result, the preliminary planning and environmental assessments for the four funded projects and the Sheppard East Maintenance and Storage Facility have been completed and are now proceeding to design and engineering. The preliminary planning and environmental assessments for the Eglinton and Finch Maintenance and Storage Facilities will be completed in mid 2011 as necessary components of the funded projects.

Preliminary planning and environmental assessments for the four unfunded Transit City LRT Projects have been initiated. The Scarborough Malvern LRT has been completed but the other three, Jane, Don Mills and Waterfront West LRTs, will not be completed until late 2011.

When the Transit City work plan, consisting of preliminary planning and environmental assessments for all elements of the funded projects and the unfunded projects, is complete, staff will report back on the priority and sequencing of the studies for the extensions of the base network.

JUSTIFICATION

Staff will report on the priority and sequencing of preliminary planning and environmental assessments for extension to the Transit City LRT Projects following completion and approval of the studies for the base projects.

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