

# TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

**MEETING DATE:** September 30, 2010

**SUBJECT:** WEEKLY PASS VALIDITY PERIOD

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Commission receive this report for information.

### **FUNDING**

There is no impact on the TTC 2010 Operating Budget.

### **BACKGROUND**

At the public meeting on December 16, 2009, staff was requested to report back to the Commission on the matter of allowing the Weekly Pass to start a 7-day validity period on any day of the week as opposed to the current Monday to Sunday period.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Weekly Pass was introduced on September 4, 2005 with a fixed validity period of Monday to Sunday. 2009 Sales for Adult and Senior/Student Weekly Passes were approximately 408,000, which accounted for approximately 1.7% of fare revenue.

At the present, the TTC does not have the infrastructure (i.e. computer programming, inventory tracking capabilities, turnstile logic, etc.) in place to support the request for allowing the Weekly Pass to start a 7-day validity period on any day of the week. This change to the validity period could be considered with the introduction of Presto, a smart card fare payment system or an open payment system.

A survey of twenty-four Canadian and large U.S. transit properties was made to determine how many allowed the Weekly Pass to start a 7-day validity period on any day of the week. Of the twenty-four properties, fifteen had a Weekly Pass; of this group, seven allowed the Weekly Pass to start a 7-day validity period on any day of the week. Of this group of seven, four had a Smartcard, three had a swipe. With respect to the latter, the TTC's swipe equipment is limited to standard start and end times only, and cannot be programmed for variable start/end days.

**JUSTIFICATION**

The TTC presently does not have the controls in place to allow for variable start/end days for the Weekly Pass. Without these controls it is not possible to administer such a program.

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