

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: March 1, 2011

SUBJECT: EASIER ACCESS PHASE III
SHERBOURNE STATION

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission forward this report to Toronto City Council through the Toronto and East York Community Council in response to City Council's request to the Commission at its August 25, 26 and 27, 2010 meeting on the status of improving accessibility of Sherbourne Station and options for accelerating the installation of elevators at the station by the end of 2012; noting that it is not feasible to accelerate the construction of Sherbourne Station for the end of 2012.

FUNDING

There are no funding implications with this report.

BACKGROUND

Since March 1990, the Commission has set the goal of making all TTC services and facilities accessible to people with disabilities. To date, twenty-nine (29) stations have been made accessible and the Easier Access Phase III project is scheduled to make the remaining forty (40) subway stations accessible by 2024 with the addition of elevators, easier access fare gates, automatic sliding doors, and other modifications.

At its meeting of August 25, 26, and 27, 2010, City Council adopted the following motion, *"City Council request the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission to report to the Toronto and East York Community Council, through the Commission, on the status of improving the accessibility of Sherbourne Station and options for accelerating installation of an elevator by the end of 2012."*

DISCUSSION

A study to set the priority of construction of the remaining stations was completed and a priority listing of the remaining stations was determined by the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) in 2006. Completion of the Easier Access Phase III Capital Project was extended from 2020 to 2024 due to the lack of funds; this has not changed as shown in the current Easier Access Phase III schedule, included as Appendix A. Sherbourne Station is scheduled to be made accessible by 2018 with the design commencing in 2015.

Typically, an Easier Access project in a station involves a design and construction duration of approximately three years. Therefore, should the design start now, the earliest Sherbourne Station could be made accessible is by the end of 2014.

The acceleration of the design and construction at Sherbourne Station from 2018 to a 2014 completion date would require moving the construction ahead of other stations which have been given a higher priority by ACAT.

Furthermore, on January 12, 2011, staff discussed this request with the ACAT Design Review Subcommittee (DRS) and they recommended that the priorities for Easier Access Phase III schedule should remain, including noting in their Minutes the following:

- *DRS was not provided with the rationale behind the Motion that was made by Toronto and East York Community Council,*
- *DRS felt that if additional funds were provided to accessibility projects, they should be allotted to the entire program, without favouring any particular station,*
- *The station priority listing has been established after detailed review in consultation with ACAT, and*
- *The current Sherbourne station design is not advanced as necessary to meet advanced schedule requirements.*

Based on the above, it is not feasible to accelerate the elevator construction at Sherbourne Station for completion by 2012.

JUSTIFICATION

This report contains the information requested by Toronto City Council and Toronto and East York Community Council.

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Attachment: Appendix A

APPENDIX A

Easier Access Phase III (2011-2015 Budget)

<u>Location</u>	<u>In Service</u>
Victoria Park	2011
St. Andrew	2011
Pape	2012
King	2012
Ossington	2012
Wilson	2012
Dufferin	2013
St. Clair West	2013
Coxwell	2013
College	2014
Royal York	2014
Woodbine	2014
Yorkdale	2014
Donlands	2015
Bay	2015
Runnymede	2015
Lawrence	2016
Greenwood	2016
St. Patrick	2016
Lansdowne	2017
Dupont	2017
Lawrence East	2017
SHERBOURNE	2018
Keele	2018
Spadina YUS	2018
Castle Frank	2019
Wellesley	2019
Christie	2019
Rosedale	2020
Chester	2020
Museum	2020
High Park	2021
Summerhill	2021
McCowan	2021
Old Mill	2022
Glencairn	2022
Midland	2023
Ellesmere	2023
Islington	2024
Warden	2024