



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED with Confidential Attachment

Lansdowne Station Easier Access Phase III Property Acquisitions

Date:	December 20, 2016
To:	TTC Board
From:	Chief Executive Officer
Reason for Confidential Information:	This report is about a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes.

Summary

As part of the Easier Access Phase III project, the Toronto Transit Commission is proposing to construct three elevators at Lansdowne Subway Station providing accessibility to and from each of the eastbound and westbound platforms and street level.

In order to facilitate the Lansdowne Station Easier Access Phase III project, various property rights need to be acquired (as summarized in the Confidential Attachment).

Based on the current project schedule, construction of the Lansdowne Easier Access III project is targeted to begin on June 1, 2018 with completion by December 31, 2021. In order to protect the project timeline, this report and Confidential Attachment seek the Board's authority for staff to request City of Toronto Real Estate Services to acquire the required property interests.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the recommendations set out in the Confidential Attachment; and
2. Maintain confidential the information set out in the Confidential Attachment until such time as the agreement(s) are executed with the property owners.

Financial Summary

An estimate of the cost to acquire the property necessary to complete the Lansdowne Station Easier Access Phase III project is provided in the adjoining Confidential Attachment.

Funds for the project are included in the TTC's 2016-2025 Capital Budget and Plan under 3.9 Buildings & Structures, Easier Access Phase III Program, which was approved by City Council on February 17, 2016. The EA III Program total budget is approximately \$655 million of which approximately \$429 million is budgeted for the remaining stations. The previous budget funding reductions were reinstated to the EA III program in the 2016-2025 Capital Budget.

The Chief Financial & Administration Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Accessibility/Equity Matters

Acquisition of the subject lands supports the construction of the Lansdowne Easier Access Phase III project, to make Lansdowne Subway Station accessible.

Decision History

There are no earlier reports on this subject matter.

Issue Background

The Easier Access Phase III program is an important part of the *2014-2018 TTC Accessibility Plan* in its objective to fulfil the provincially-legislated requirements in the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA)*. As part of the Easier Access Phase III project, the TTC is proposing to construct three elevators at Lansdowne Subway Station. Elevator 1 (E1), providing access from street level to the concourse, will be built adjacent to the existing entrance building. Elevator 2 (E2), providing access from the concourse level to the westbound platform, and Elevator 3, (E3) providing access from the concourse level to the eastbound platform, will also be constructed below grade.

As part of the design process, a number of concepts were created to study various planning and functional relationships. In total, 14 elevator locations were investigated by TTC Engineering and Construction with the proposed option selected. In the selection process, the main considerations were accessibility issues, such as proximity to the bus transportation, length of barrier-free travel, impact on adjacent residential neighborhood, operational impact on subway day-to-day operations and constructability issues. Ultimately, the current proposed location for the elevators was chosen because it offered proximity to the bus stops, shortest barrier-free travel, and the least operational impact during both the construction process and later day-to-day operations.

The local community was made aware of the project in March 2014 by way of Construction Notice in advance of pre-design surveying activities. The property owners affected by the acquisitions were contacted in spring 2016 to discuss the project's impact, and to provide permission to access their properties for the completion of arborist assessments.

Comments

In order to implement the project, various property requirements (as outlined in the Confidential Attachment) will be required.

The Board's approval is being sought because City of Toronto Real Estate Services will be reporting to Council for approval to proceed with the acquisition of the subject property interests.

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Attachments

Confidential Attachment 1