



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED
with Confidential Attachment**

**Chester 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 and Fire Ventilation Upgrade programs, the Toronto Transit Commission is proposing to construct elevators at Chester Subway Station, as well as a second exit and entrance. In order to facilitate the work, some private property rights will be required to enable delivery of materials during the construction of the project, after which the interest in the property will expire. The requirements are summarized in the Confidential Attachment.

Based on the current project schedule, construction of the Chester Easier Access III project is targeted to commence Q3 2017 with completion by Q3 2020. 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 Chester Station Easier Access Phase III and Second Exit project is provided in the adjoining Confidential Attachment.

Funds to acquire the property interests are included in the 3.9 Buildings and Structures – Easier Access Phase III and Fire Ventilation Upgrade - Second Exit project in the TTC's 2016-2025 Capital Budget approved by City Council on February 17, 2016.

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

Accessibility/Equity Matters

The Easier Access Phase III program is an important part of the *2014-2018 TTC Accessibility Plan* in its objective to fulfill 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 two elevators at Chester Subway Station.

Decision History

There are no earlier reports on this subject matter.

Issue Background

The local community is being made aware of the project through community meetings. Meetings were held in March 2014, December 2014, and June 2016. Discussions are underway with the impacted property owner, whose property is required for access of materials required for the construction of the works.

Comments

In order to implement the project, access to private property (as outlined in the Confidential Attachment) will be required during construction.

The Board's approval is being sought to request the City of Toronto to proceed with the acquisition of the subject property interests, and staff recommends the Board approve the recommendations set out in the confidential attachment.

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Attachments

Confidential Attachment 1