



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Procurement Authorization Easier Access Phase III St. Patrick Station Contract U45-4

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| Date: | November 30, 2016 |
| To: | TTC Board |
| From: | Chief Executive Officer |

Summary

The purpose of this report is to obtain authorization for the award of Contract U45-4 Easier Access Phase III St. Patrick Station to Aplus General Contractors Corp. (Aplus) in the amount of \$7,699,425.63, on the basis of lowest total bid price.

The work under Easier Access Phase III (EA III) St. Patrick Station includes an elevator and associated work at St. Patrick Station as shown in Appendix A.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board authorize:

1. Award of Contract U45-4 Easier Access Phase III St. Patrick Station to Aplus in the amount of \$7,699,425.63 inclusive of all taxes on the basis of lowest total bid price.

Financial Summary

Funds for this expenditure 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 total project budget is approximately \$655 million of which approximately \$429 million is budgeted for the remaining stations.

Contract U45-4 qualifies for the Public Transit Initiative Fund (PTIF) and the funding under this Federal program is being pursued by the TTC.

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

Accessibility/Equity Matters

The work of this contract will provide accessibility to St. Patrick Station. An accessible path will be provided from the concourse level to both subway platforms with the installation of one elevator and the associated equipment and finishes. Accessibility from the street level to concourse level will be provided through a development connection at 480 University Avenue. The development connection construction is expected to begin in December 2016 and be completed by July 2017.

Issue Background

Since March 1990, the TTC has set the goal of making all subway stations accessible to people with disabilities. The EA 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)*.

To date, 34 stations are accessible and there are 32 remaining stations to be made accessible by 2025.

Councillor and Community Outreach

In September, 2015, TTC briefed Councillor Wong-Tam and Councillor Cressy.

The following details were discussed:

- The surface level elevator will be integrated into a building development at the north west corner of University Ave. and Dundas St. W. (480 University Ave.);
- Utility Relocations began in Fall 2015;
- Public Art will be included as part of the project;
- To minimize traffic impacts for the long-term construction, the centre island (on University Ave.) will be occupied by construction staging. The island will be restored as part of the project; and
- On-street parking adjacent to construction along University Ave. will be removed in order to improve traffic flow.

The design was presented to ACAT on May 01, 2013 with no significant comments or concern from the committee.

TTC subsequently provided a project overview and utility relocation construction notice to local hospitals and other local health organizations, residential condominiums, and office buildings in the St. Patrick Station area.

Public agencies such as the Toronto Police Services, Royal Canadian Military Institute, Parks and Recreation, local housing co-operatives, universities/colleges, art galleries and the closest businesses and BIA (Chinatown) were informed.

The local stakeholders will be consulted in advance of the longer-term construction, provided with additional notification and invited to a community open house at City Hall to discuss the project in advance of the heavy construction. Individual meetings will be held with neighbouring stakeholders as required.

The project website is:

http://www.ttc.ca/About_the_TTC/Projects/Station_Improvements/St_Patrick_Station/index.jsp

Comment

Contract U45-4 Easier Access Phase III St. Patrick Station provides for the work related to the supply and installation of one elevator (E1) that will provide access between concourse and platform levels, reconfiguration of the fare line, structural rehabilitation of the station, wayfinding signage, and restoration of the centre island at University Avenue. Access from the street to concourse level (elevator E2) will be provided by a development connection at 480 University Avenue.

A Request for Bids (RFB) was posted on the TTC's website and MERX on August 22, 2016. Of the twenty-two (22) companies that downloaded the bid documents, seven (7) submitted bids, which are summarized in Appendix B.

Eleven (11) of the twenty-two (22) companies that downloaded the bid documents were general contractors and the remaining were either subcontractors or a construction association.

Aplus General Contractors Corp. (Aplus) submitted the lowest priced bid and did not state any exceptions or qualifications. Reference checks were completed which indicate that they have satisfactorily performed work of a similar size and nature in the past for other municipalities and government agencies. Their bid is considered acceptable.

Bondfield Construction Company Limited submitted the second lowest priced bid and also did not state any exceptions or qualifications and their bid is considered acceptable.

Matheson Constructors Limited submitted the third lowest priced bid and also did not state any exceptions or qualifications and their bid is considered acceptable.

A bid was received from Century Group Inc. which, in accordance with TTC's letter dated October 12, 2016, is restricted from being awarded any further contracts until the five current contracts with the TTC have been completed and a satisfactory performance review has been issued for each of the specific contracts. Therefore the submission received from Century Group Inc. is considered unacceptable.

The Agreement to Bond submitted by Aplus covers both a Labour and Material Payment Bond and a Performance Bond and was submitted by Zurich Insurance Company Ltd.

who has been verified as a surety company licensed to transact business under the Insurance Act of Ontario. As such they are considered financially capable of performing the work.

Aplus will be required to execute a Performance Bond and Labour and Material Payment Bond each in the amount of 50% of the contract value.

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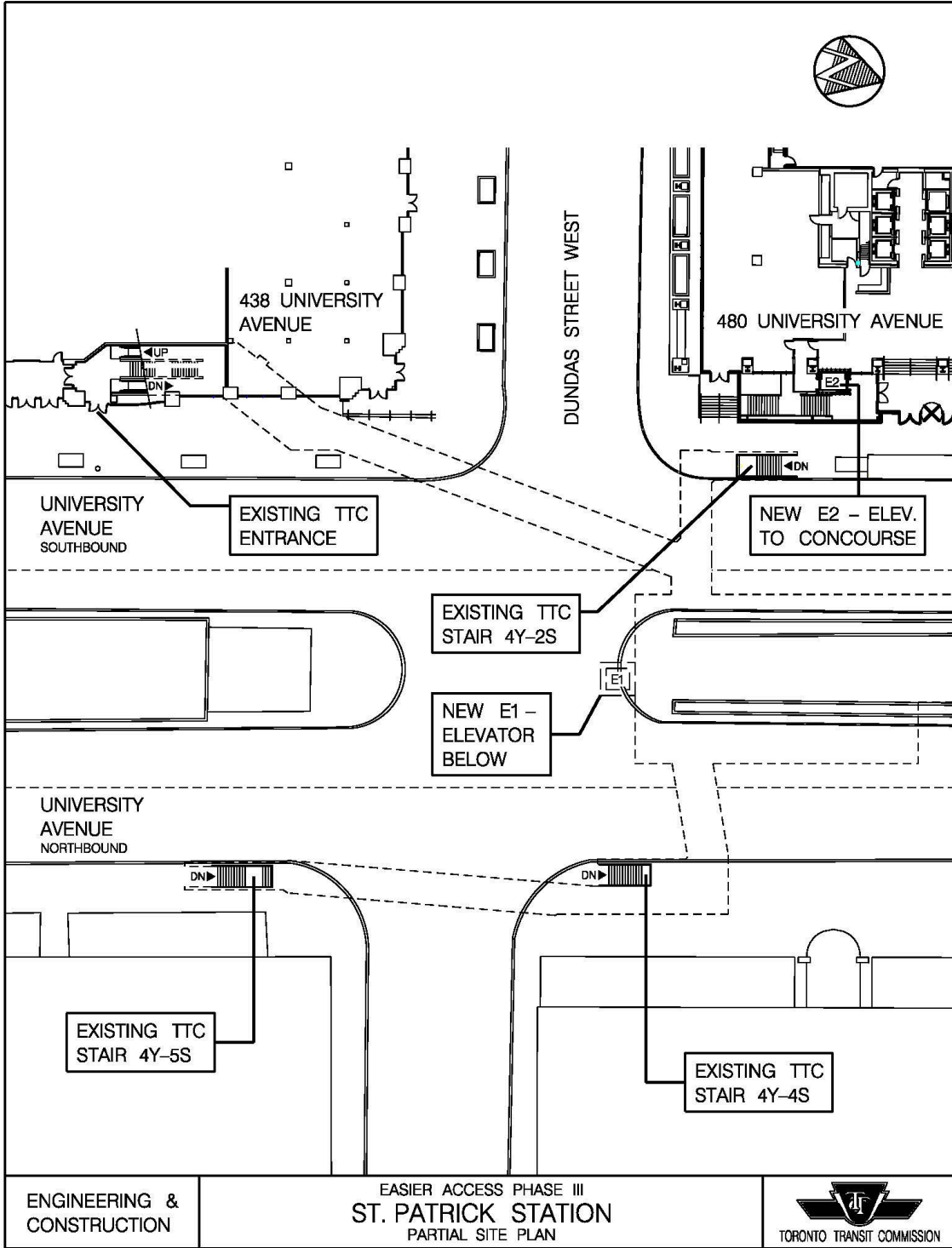
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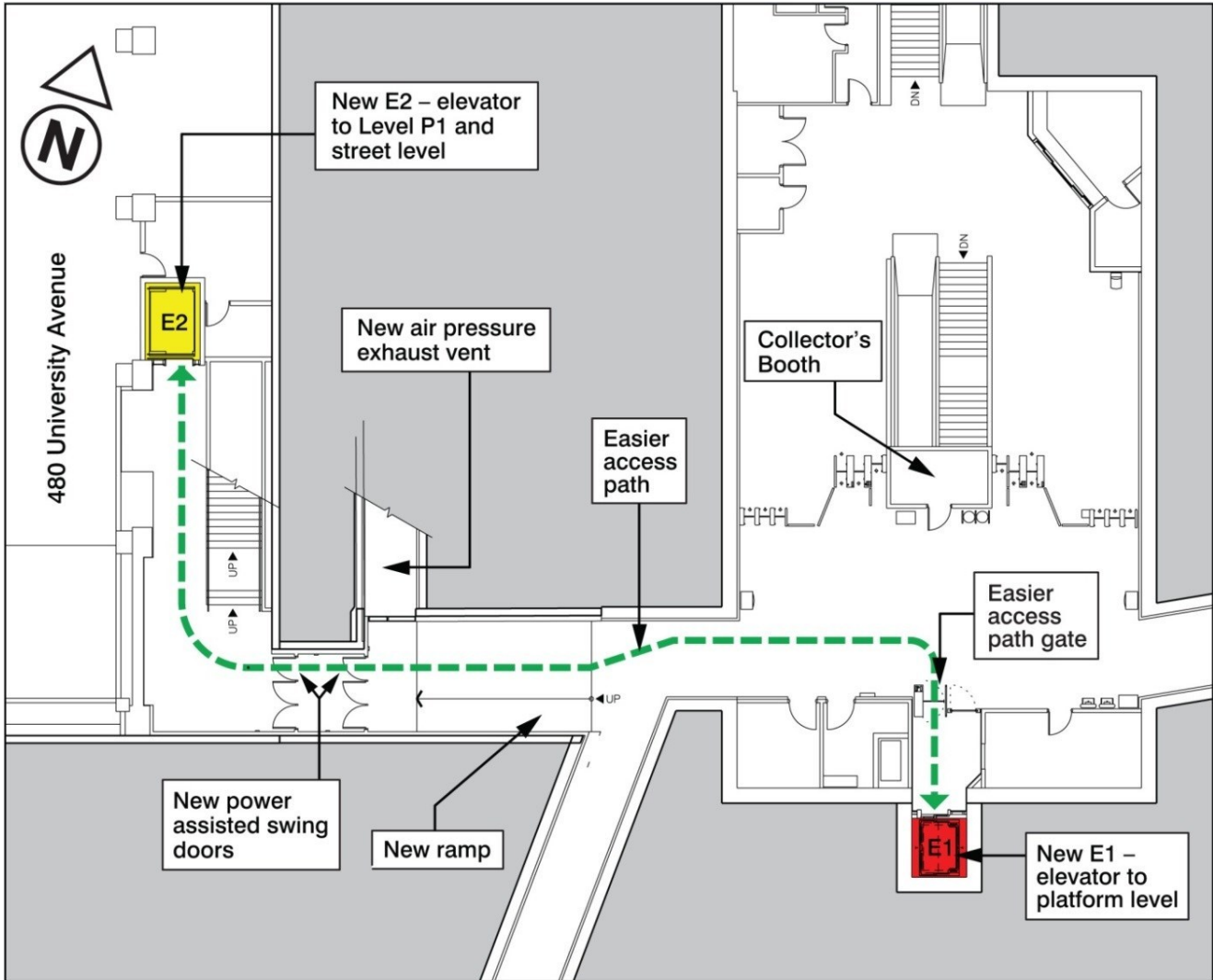
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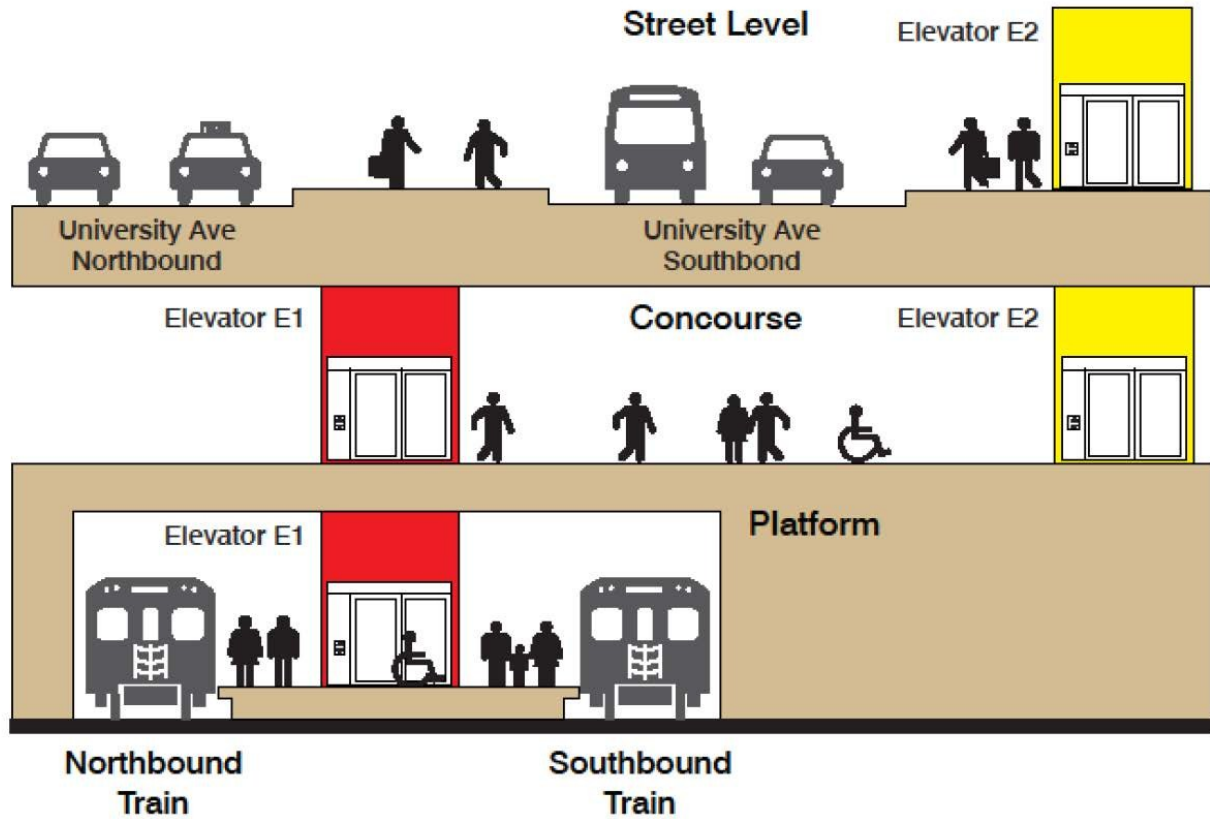
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**APPENDIX B
PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION
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SUMMARY OF BIDS

| COMPANY | | TOTAL BID PRICE |
|----------------|---|------------------------|
| 1 | Aplus General Contractors Corp.* | \$7,699,425.63 |
| 2 | Bondfield Construction Company Limited | \$7,863,670.00 |
| 3 | Matheson Constructors Limited | \$8,209,450.00 |
| 4 | Maystar General Contractors Inc. | \$8,431,715.35 |
| 5 | Martinway Contracting Ltd. | \$12,441,541.82 |
| 6 | Buttcon Limited | \$13,969,602.34 |
| | Century Group Inc. ** | \$10,242,253.81 |

* Recommended Company

** Restriction in place until satisfactory performance review of on-going contracts