



TO: Mayor and Members of Council

CC. Arvin Prasad, Commissioner, Development Services  
Brian Lee, Director, Engineering

FROM: Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation, Ext. 4838

DATE: February 25, 2019

**Re: Steeles Avenue Widening Update – East of Markham Road to Ninth Line (Wards 7 & 8)**

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### **Recommendations**

1. That the memorandum titled “Steeles Avenue Widening Update – East of Markham Road to Ninth Line (Wards 7 & 8)” be received; and,
2. That Council reiterates to the Regional Municipality of York the importance of timely completion of Steeles Avenue East between east of Markham Road and Ninth Line; and,
3. That the Regional Municipality of York be requested to confirm the timing of the completion of Steeles widening with the City of Toronto; and further,
4. That Staff be directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

### **Background**

This memorandum provides further updates to the information contained in the memorandum presented to Development Services Committee on September 5, 2018 (Attachment A).

The widening of Steeles Avenue East from east of Markham Road to Ninth Line was planned as part of the Donald Cousens Parkway to Morningside Avenue Link Environmental Assessment (EA), connecting Highway 48 and the 407ETR to Morningside Avenue in the City of Toronto. As part of the environmental assessment approval, York Region and the City of Toronto are required to resolve the current jurisdictional issues and agree on roles and responsibilities in implementing this project. Principles for an agreement between York Region and the City of Toronto were endorsed in 2014 by both Councils, and a draft agreement setting out the roles and responsibilities for each agency for capital and operating parameters was developed in 2017.

In addition to the Steeles Avenue widening, the EA also includes a widening of Ninth Line from Steeles Avenue to Box Grove Bypass and extension of Morningside Avenue to Steeles Avenue.

## **Update**

Staff is not aware of any change to the implementation schedule of the Steeles Avenue East widening project. That is:

1. The detailed design assignment being undertaken by the City of Toronto is still on-going and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2019, and
2. Construction of the widening is programmed to start sometime in 2021, according to the 2018 City of Toronto capital budget (Attachment B).

Given the significant changes to the structure of City of Toronto Council from the previous municipal term and as the City of Toronto is developing its 2019 budget, Staff recommends that Markham Council and York Region Council reiterate the of importance of timely completion of this project.

For the other major components of the Donald Cousens Parkway Extension project:

1. York Region is initiating the detailed design for the widening of Ninth Line from Box Grove Bypass to Steeles Avenue. Pending approval by York Region Council, construction of this widening is tentatively programmed to start in 2022.
2. The City of Toronto had previously indicated that the extension of Morningside Avenue will be implemented through their development approval process.

## **Attachments**

- A. September 5, 2018 DSC Memorandum "Steeles Avenue Widening Updates (Wards 7 & 8)"
- B. Toronto 2018 Budget extract