

Transportation Services Department

MEMORANDUM

To: City of Markham Development Services Committee

From: Brian Titherington, Director, Transportation & Infrastructure Planning

Date: Tuesday October 13, 2020

Re: Progress update on the Toronto/York Steeles Avenue Agreement

This memorandum provides an update on the Steeles Avenue Agreement as it relates to agenda item 8.1 for the Development Services Committee meeting on October 13, 2020.

York Region staff most recently reported to Regional Council on this issue in June 2018. The June 7, 2018 Memorandum from the Commissioner of Transportation Services to Regional Council can be found here or via the Region's website (www.york.ca).

Regional Council approved the principles of the Steeles Avenue Agreement in June 2014. As part of this process Regional Council also authorized cost sharing with the City of Toronto to advance the detailed design for widening Steeles Avenue, from east of Markham Road to Ninth Line. The ongoing design assignment is being led by the City of Toronto and cost shared equally with York Region. The cost sharing agreement only applies to the ongoing detailed design work being undertaken by the City of Toronto. Cost sharing for construction would be subject to a final Steeles Avenue Agreement.

York Region staff have been working with City of Toronto staff to finalize the Steeles Avenue Agreement in accordance with the principles agreed to by both York Region Council and City of Toronto Council. The City of Toronto is currently addressing the final outstanding concern related to their authority to operate a widened Steeles Avenue, where the northern property limit will be beyond the current City limits. City staff believe the concern will be addressed before the design work for Steeles Avenue is complete. Once the Steeles Avenue Agreement is complete, staff will report to Regional Council for final approval.

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