



**MINUTES**  
**UNIONVILLE / MOBILITY HUB SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**September 16, 2014, 3:30 pm**  
**Council Chamber**

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**Committee Members**

Regional Councillor Jim Jones, Chair  
Councillor Don Hamilton  
Councillor Alan Ho

**Staff**

Andy Taylor, CAO  
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services  
Ronji Borooah, City Architect  
Alan Brown, Director of Engineering  
Biju Karumanchery, Acting Director of Planning and  
Urban Design  
Richard Kendall, Development Manager – Central  
District  
Raj Raman, Chief of Staff  
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

**Consultant**

Hilary Holden, Associate Principal, Arup

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The Unionville / Mobility Hub Sub-Committee convened at 3:38 pm with Regional Councillor Jim Jones in the Chair.

**1. Disclosure of Interest – None Declared**

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

Two additions were noted:

- “Extending the expanded GO train service beyond the Unionville GO station “*up to Major Mackenzie Drive*”....on page 2; and,
- “The options should include the estimated capital “*and operating*” costs... on page 2.

Moved by: Councillor Don Hamilton

Seconded by: Councillor Alan Ho

That the minutes of the Unionville/Mobility Hub Sub-Committee meeting held on July 21, 2014, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

### **3. Markham Centre Mobility Hub Study (5.14)**

The Committee received a PowerPoint document from Arup - "Initial Option Designs".

Hillary Holden of Arup provided an overview of the recent consultant workshop, including the participants, presentations, and activities. The objectives were to gain an understanding of the site and the findings of previous studies, to compile and review information, to identify opportunities and constraints, and to develop guiding principles and conceptual designs.

#### Study Phasing

Phase A: - Nearing Completion

Phase B: - Sub-committee meeting Sept. 16  
- Workshop follow-up Sept. 17  
- Stakeholder consultation Oct. 28, 29.

Phase C: - Preferred option refinement, Nov. 12

Phase D: - Implementation and wrap-up, Jan. 14

It was noted that the Committee had directed public consultation occur after the October 27 election.

Arup proposes that stakeholder consultation will involve a workshop with parties having an interest in the area – land owners, utility companies, York University, and government agencies/organizations, and will include senior staff. It was suggested that the Mayor's office extend invitations to elected officials to get involved at this stage, or perhaps at a separate time. The Committee directed that the proposed dates of October 28 and 29 are too close to the election date, and should be rescheduled a week later. The need for an expanded program of public involvement at this stage was also discussed by the Committee, including a design charrette.

The Committee anticipates that discussions at the stakeholder workshops will analyze the various options and impacts, and will determine a preferred 407 transitway alignment, creating a consensus for the alignment with MTO, Metrolinx, York Region, etc. The 407 transitway realignment cannot proceed without the findings of the study being implemented through an update to the Markham Centre Secondary Plan, as well as the approval of Metrolinx, the Ministry of Transportation, and political support. Staff pointed out that the Study will provide the technical support necessary to recommend a viable alternate alignment option.

Staff discussed the design criteria for the 407 transitway.

The next steps are to confirm the dates and location for stakeholder consultation workshops and issue invitations, in consultation with the Chair, Mayor, and Commissioner. Arup is also to define an expanded program to inform and consult with the public.

Hilary Holden reviewed the draft design principles and the initial design options developed at the recent consultant workshop:

Initial Option A – two crossings concept

Initial Option B – one crossing concept

Initial Option C – 407 transitway EA alignment – the approved alignment

Initial Option D – one crossing concept/train shed

Feedback from the session was outlined for Rouge Valley and the parks system, transit alignments, GO station, road/cycling network, and development scenarios/study area.

The four development options (and any others that are developed) will be refined and outlines will be prepared for the workshops and November PIC. It was noted that pedestrian connections need to be considered to ensure a pedestrian-friendly environment.

A brief verbal financial update was provided by Ms. Holden and City staff.

### **3. Metrolinx Participation in the Mobility Hub Study**

Correspondence from Metrolinx dated August 20, 2014, was distributed separately.

This matter was deferred.

### **4. Adjournment**

The Unionville Sub-Committee adjourned at 5:20 pm.