




TO: Councillor, Logan Kanapathi

C. Regional Councillor, Gordon Landon, - Transportation Committee Chair

FROM: Alan Brown, Director of Engineering 

DATE: May 30, 2012

Re: Steeles Avenue Improvements

On May 15, 2012 the Development Services Committee referred your motion relating to the Steeles Avenue reconstruction back to staff for background information.

I have reviewed the status of this project with the Region and wish to advise the following:

- Steeles Ave. to York/Durham Line is under the jurisdiction of the City of Toronto.
- In Markham, Steeles Ave. is four lanes from Yonge Street to east of McCowan Road.
- Steeles Avenue from east of McCowan Road to the York/Durham Line is currently a two lane rural road.
- Toronto did complete an Environmental Assessment Study for improvements of Steeles Avenue from McCowan Road to the York/Durham Line.
- The proposed plans for Steeles Avenue are:
 - Widen to four lanes from east of McCowan Road to Morningside Road and from 9th Line to York/Durham Line.
 - Widen to six lanes from Morningside Drive to 9th Line to accommodate traffic from the Donald Cousens Parkway.
 - Widen to six lanes to accommodate a transit corridor (beyond 2031)
 - Provision of a grade separation at the GO Line east of Kennedy Road (2014/2015).
- Toronto Council has directed city staff not to proceed with future major capital improvements until York Region agrees to contribute 50% of future capital and operating costs.

- Major issues to be resolved between the Region and Toronto related to Steeles Avenue are:

- Process to shift Municipal boundary to centre line of Steeles Avenue.
- Inclusion of 50% of future capital improvements into the Regions Development Charge By-law.
- Request by the Region for a corridor study to demonstrate the benefits for the Region to assume 50% of future capital and operation costs.



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MARKHAM

EXTRACT CONTAINING ITEM #0005 OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF (May 15, 2012)**5. STEELES AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION (5.10)**

Councillor Logan Kanapathi presented a motion regarding Steeles Avenue reconstruction. The Committee discussed the past agreement with the City of Toronto and had several questions. It was agreed to refer the motion to staff for a review of background information.

Moved by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Seconded by: Councillor Howard Shore

That the following Motion be referred to staff for a review of background information and be brought back to Development Services Committee:

“Whereas Steeles Avenue at the south boundary of the Town of Markham is under the jurisdiction of the City of Toronto; and

Whereas Steeles Ave requires immediate reconstruction and widening to address safety and capacity problems; and

Whereas the Region of York and City of Toronto have been in negotiations regarding joint ownership and capital/operating cost sharing;

Now Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Markham requests both parties to finalize negotiations and proceed with the reconstruction of Steeles Ave from Markham road to the York/Durham line within a 3 year time frame; and

That the City of Toronto and Region of York be advised accordingly.”

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Development Services Committee meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

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