



TO: Mayor and Members of Council
C. John Livey, Jim Baird
FROM: Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
DATE: November 19, 2010

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Re: **Item 16 – November 16, 2010**
Development Service Committee – Highway 407 Transit EA

Further to comments received from Development Services Committee on November 16, 2010 on the 407 Transit Environmental Project, we would suggest the following revisions to the resolution to be considered by Council on November 23, 2010:

Suggested Resolution:

- 1) That the November 16, 2010 report entitled “407 Transitway Environmental Project Report”, be received;
- 2) And that the Ministry of Transportation be requested to defer filing a notice of completion for the 407 transitway until December 2011 to enable the outstanding issues as outlined in **the** report to be finalized;
- 3) **And that the CAO and the Mayor be requested to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Transportation, Metrolinx Chair, and appropriate staff to review the role and function of the Highway 407 transitway, including design criteria and transit technology;**
- 4) And that if the Ministry of Transportation proceeds to file the 407 Transitway Environmental Project Report with the Ministry of Environment, it be endorsed in principle **only, and** subject to the following revisions/conditions;
 - That the transportation modelling take account of the full urban density and transit potential of the Urban Growth Centres, including Markham Centre and Richmond Hill/Langstaff Gateway **and the design of the alignment be efficient to best serve these centres;**

- The Environmental Project Report be amended to provide for consideration of a potential alternative transitway station at Yonge Street to be outlined by ARUP consultants on behalf of the Town of Markham, and reviewed by the stakeholders;
- The Ministry of Transportation revise the 407 Transitway alignment options in Markham Centre to provide additional flexibility to facilitate development of the Pan AM pool facility on the Town owned lands at the S/W corner of YMCA Blvd and Kennedy Road;
- The Environmental Project Report be amended to provide for consideration of alternative transitway alignments and stations in Markham Centre as per the June 2010 Markham Council resolution (Calthorpe Associates transit alignment concept) and on the south side of Highway 407;
- The Transitway stations within Markham be subject to the Site Plan approval process;
- The Ministry of Transportation be requested to consult with area Municipalities in the detail design of the Transitway;
- The Ministry of Transportation and Ontario Realty Corporation be encouraged to implement Transit Oriented Development at the stations;
- The Ministry of Transportation or future transit providers enter into negotiations, and if necessary an agreement, with the Town of Markham for the operation and management of the 407 transitway stations parking facilities;
- The Ministry of Transportation provide a release to Ontario Realty Corporation to allow for an access easement to the Town of Markham and Magna for the Magna East lands at the S/E corner of Rodick Road and Hwy 407;
- The Ministry of Transportation continue to provide at their cost access to the Magna East Lands east of Rodick Road including the extension of the Rodick Rd underpass structure;

- Metrolinx be requested to advance funds for preliminary design and to pre-build certain sections of the transitway infrastructure to facilitate development, particularly in Markham Centre;
 - Metrolinx be requested to advance the timing of the 407 transitway capital program from Jane St. (Spadina subway) to Kennedy Road within its Phase One investment plan to be completed within the next **10** years;
 - And that the Ministry of Transportation and Ontario Realty Corporation conduct the necessary studies to protect land for a potential Hwy 404/ 407 Transit interface;
- 5) And that **in the requested deferral period (1year)** the Ministry of Transportation be requested to complete a Transitway Environmental Assessment Study for the 407 Transitway from Kennedy Road to the Box Grove Mobility Hub;
 - 6) And that staff report back with an update on the Quebec City to Windsor Rapid Transit Feasibility study, and that the MTO be requested to review potential implications to the transitway alignment option if a high speed corridor is located within the Parkway Belt/Hwy 407 Corridor in a linear and high speed alignment;
 - 7) And that staff report back at the preliminary and detailed design stages with further details, land requirements, financial implications, potential partnership arrangements, transit oriented development opportunities, and any required agreements between Stakeholders;
 - 8) And that the Ministry of Transportation and Ontario Realty Corporation be requested to finalize the land exchange and financial arrangements to the satisfaction of Markham District Energy for the Birchmount/407 plant;
 - 9) And that the MTO and 407 ETR be requested to review the feasibility of access and egress ramps at Birchmount Ave;
 - 10) And the MTO be requested to review with Markham and adjust the 407 transitway alignment and Rodick Road station layout concept to reflect a preferred Millar Ave alignment;
 - 11) And that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution;
 - 12) And that the Minister of Transportation, Ministry of the Environment, Metrolinx Chair, Ontario Realty Corporation, Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Region of York be advised accordingly;