

**MANAGEMENT REPORT TO METROLINX**

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**1.0 RECOMMENDATION:**

*RESOLVED:*

**THAT** the Board approve the release of the sixth consultation paper for the Regional Transportation Plan, titled **Roads and Highways**, subject to minor housekeeping changes, and final formatting of content and document design.

**2.0 PURPOSE & EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval to release the sixth consultation paper for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and to begin the formal public consultation process.

**3.0 BACKGROUND:**

At its meeting of July 27, 2007, the Board approved a work plan for the development of the RTP which includes the release of a series of Green Papers that would begin a public

consultation dialogue. Each discussion paper is part of an iterative development process towards the draft RTP master document. The following outlines the timetable of the Green Papers which have been approved for public consultation by the Board:

- Towards Sustainable Transportation November 23, 2007
- Mobility Hubs January 25, 2008
- Active Transportation January 25, 2008
- Transportation Demand Management February 8, 2008
- Moving Goods and Delivering Services February 8, 2008

The following outlines the remainder of the Green Paper presentations to the Board:

- Transit February 22, 2008

#### **4.0 DISCUSSION:**

The roads and highways that make up the transportation system in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) are a complex network, with each component serving different functions across local, regional, national and international scales. This Green Paper serves to address these differences, laying out strategic goals for the overall system in the context of social, economic and environmental goals for the region. Key issues to achieving this include the identification and resolution of gaps in the existing network, more efficient use of the infrastructure, and balancing the needs of all road and highway users to improve the flow of people and goods. Three alternative futures are presented; to address degrees of promotion of transit-supportive development, progress towards easing congestion, and a reduction in transportation-related emissions. The Green Paper provides an overview of interventions that have been applied in other jurisdictions to address many of these goals, and could warrant further investigation for application in the context of the GTHA.

A meeting with the Technical Advisory Group was held on January 24, 2008 with representatives of municipalities and ministries. The paper was then posted online for further comments from the participants.

A copy of the draft paper is attached as Appendix A.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

N/A

**6.0 HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS:**

N/A

**7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:**

N/A

**8.0 COMMUNICATION MATTERS:**

The process for the RTP and the release of this paper are consistent with the Strategic Communications Framework outlined at the October 26, 2007 Board meeting. The paper was posted on the Metrolinx website as part of the February 22, 2008 Board package. Following approval of the resolution under 1.0, the paper will be officially released within ten (10) days of this meeting. Release will include a posting on the Metrolinx website and the Environmental Registry. A limited number of printed copies will be distributed.

**9.0 LEGAL MATTERS:**

N/A

**10.0 CONCLUSION:**

Green Paper #6: **Roads and Highways** recognizes the importance of people and goods movement in our transportation system, identifies issues, and proposes a range of approaches to fulfill transportation and other policy objectives. Following board approval, staff will proceed expeditiously to engage key stakeholders on the issues and ideas presented in this paper.

Respectfully submitted,



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Approved for Submission to the Board



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*Appendices:*

**Appendix A: Green Paper # 6: Roads and Highways**

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