



City Council Position on Light Rail Transit Priority Plan

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Outline

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Metrolinx Principles

1. Sound Regional Transit Planning:

- Any projects to be paid for by the Province must achieve sound transportation objectives for the City and the region, and reflect the goals and principles of our regional transportation plan, The Big Move

2. Budget and Cost:

- The maximum budget for the provincial contribution to the plan remains fixed at the original \$8.4B (2010\$). Any plan must be cost-effective and involve no cost increases to the Province over the original budget, in terms of the total provincial investment, the cash flow required in each year and the Province's ability to amortize its investment over the life of the assets. Any additional costs must be paid by the City or other partners

3. Penalties:

- The Province is not prepared to pay any penalties related to contractual commitments or the loss of investments that result from changes sought by the City. These costs must be borne by the City

Metrolinx Principles

4. Cost of Delay:

- Delays in the delivery of results to residents are not acceptable. In the event that further delays occur in the delivery of projects, any delay costs must be assumed by the City

5. Traffic:

- Any plan should minimize adverse impacts on traffic to the extent reasonably possible

5 in 10 Plan – Toronto LRT Projects



City Council Motion

- Council adopted motion on February 8, 2012 with a 25-18 vote in favour of a plan similar to original 5 in 10 plan
- In summary the City Council motion supports:
 - Eglinton Crosstown LRT from Jane to Kennedy Station in a tunnel and surface alignment
 - Finch West LRT from the future Finch West Station on the Toronto-York-Spadina-Subway-Extension (TYSSE) to Humber College
 - The Scarborough RT conversion to LRT from Kennedy station to Sheppard Avenue

City Council Motion on Sheppard Avenue

- For transit on the Sheppard Avenue corridor, Council approved the following Motion:

“ City Council request the City Manager to establish an expert advisory panel regarding transit on Sheppard Avenue that will report back to a Special Meeting of Council no later than March 21, 2012”

“The advisory panel, incorporating a gender and racial equity lens, will advise City Council on the most effective means of delivering rapid transit to the greatest number of riders with the funds currently allocated and with projected funds, and will report on other potential funding sources that could augment funds for a public transportation project on Sheppard;...”

Expert Panel Process and Timing

- City Manager has established expert advisory panel in accordance with City Council motion
- Three meeting dates established with final draft recommendation to be complete in early March
- Special meeting of City Council to consider expert advisory panel recommendation before March 21, 2012
- Metrolinx participation will be to provide information to panel to assist them in their deliberations

Other Elements of Council's Motion

- Continued discussion between Metrolinx and TTC on delivery, operations and maintenance
- Council directed TTC staff to discuss future feasibility studies with Metrolinx:
 - Sheppard subway west to Downsview
 - Sheppard LRT to Toronto Zoo
 - Bloor-Danforth subway to Scarborough Centre
 - Eglinton Crosstown to Pearson Airport
 - Downtown Relief Line

Next Steps

- Once we review the expert advisory panel advice and future decisions taken by City Council, Metrolinx will prepare its advice and recommendations to the Board and Province
- In the meantime Metrolinx will continue:
 - Dialogue with the TTC and Infrastructure Ontario regarding delivery, operations and maintenance of the light rail transit priority projects
 - Construction on the Eglinton Crosstown central tunnel
 - Design, construction and engineering to continue on the Eglinton Crosstown section west of Black Creek to Jane, including the west Maintenance and Storage Facility
 - Develop scope and budgets for the Memorandum of Agreement with the City and TTC that expires on March 31, 2012 and begin drafting more definitive agreements
 - Participate on the Sheppard expert advisory panel