

METROLINX

(GREATER TORONTO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY)

BOARD MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD NO. 8

DATE OF MEETING: Friday, November 23, 2007

PLACE OF MEETING: Westin Harbour Castle
One Harbour Square, Marine Room
Toronto, ON
10:00 a.m.

CHAIR: Rob MacIsaac

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adam Giambrone
Roger Anderson
Paul Bedford
Gary Carr
Fred Eisenberger
Bill Fisch
Norm Kelly
Hazel McCallion
David Miller
Peter Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Fenn, CEO
Mary Martin, Corporate Secretary
Metrolinx Staff

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Chair MacIsaac welcomed the municipal partners who joined the meeting to assist with the Quick Wins report.

Chair MacIsaac confirmed there was quorum and that the required notice of the meeting as stipulated under the By-Law of the Corporation had been sent.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

The Chair requested declarations of potential conflicts of interest and none were declared.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Board meeting of October 26, 2007 be approved.

Carried

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no further additions or changes to the Agenda.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Chair MacIsaac acknowledged the very full agenda before the Board members and the significance of substantive issues, including a second tranche of transit projects and the first green paper in the Regional Transportation Plan.

The chair also recognized the representatives from the successful consortium of consulting firms that have combined their talent and expertise for the development of the Regional Transportation Plan.

CEO 07-001 Report of the CEO

Michael Fenn provided an overview of the CEO's Report, which was distributed in the Board Agenda.

RESOLVED:

THAT CEO 07-001, CEO Report to the Metrolinx Board be received and filed.

Carried

Following the CEO's report the following motion was moved.

RESOLVED:

THAT a staff report be prepared by the GTTA CEO, outlining the current status of the Presto Fare Card project, including:

- Experience to date;
- Terms of the Accenture contract;
- Projected implementation costs for Fare Card throughout the GTHA
- Provisions for including banks as strategic partners, given the experience elsewhere;
- The application of other companies' experience in implementing Fare Cards;
- The feasibility of initiating a competition to deliver Fare Card once the "pilot project" passes from the Ministry of Transportation and GO Transit to GTTA; and for all to be reported back to the GTTA Board at a January 2008 meeting.

Carried

DECISION ITEMS

John Howe A/General Manager introduced the following municipal representatives who presented highlights of the Quick Win proposed projects to the Board:

- Don Hull, Director of Transit, Public Works Department, City of Hamilton
- Mary Lou Tanner, Director of Planning and Transportation Services, Halton Region
- Wendy Alexander, Director, Transportation and Infrastructure Planning, Transportation and Works Department, City of Mississauga
- Mary-Francis Turner, Vice President, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation
- Gary Webster, Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission
- Phil Meagher, Deputy General Manager, Operations, Durham Region Transit Commission

SII 07-001 MoveOntario 2020 Quick Win Investment Package – Second Tranche

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board approve the recommended second tranche of GTTA Quick-Win projects contained in this report;

THAT the Chair be authorized to submit the five-year Quick-Win investment package to the Province of Ontario for approval, requesting a \$153.0 million allocation in fiscal year 2008-09 and noting an outlook of \$120.4 million in 2009-10, \$89.3 million in 2010-11, \$109.9 million in 2011-12 and \$318.7 million in 2012-13, for a total of \$791.3 million;

THAT staff be directed to work with the appropriate provincial ministries to ensure that adequate provision is made in the Ontario Government's multi-year capital budget to fund the first and second tranches of GTTA Quick-Win projects, as well as future project initiatives identified by the GTTA Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Investment Strategy;

THAT staff be directed to work collaboratively with the provincial partners to submit the Quick-Win package to the Government of Canada for one-third federal participation under the Building Canada Fund;

THAT staff be directed to report back in spring 2008 with a progress report on provincial and federal funding commitments for the Quick-Win package; and

THAT staff be directed to include the approved list of Quick-Win projects and cashflow requirements in the new GTTA 2008-2009 Capital Plan.

THAT the board acknowledge the significance of a Union Station-Pearson Airport Rail link and encourage the Province to proceed expeditiously with that project subject to successful completion of the Environmental Assessment process.

Carried

Motion to recess at 12:20 for lunch

Carried

Board meeting resumed at 1:05 pm

SII 07-002 Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP) Project
Selection Criteria

John Howe, A/General Manager introduced Elizabeth Strobeck, Senior Vice President, Project Assessment & Initiation and Ashley Langford, Vice President, Project Assessment & Initiation, Infrastructure Ontario to answer questions on the role of Infrastructure Ontario.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority (GTTA) Board approve the following transit projects from the MoveOntario 2020 transit vision as evaluation candidates for the Alternative Financing and Procurement (AFP) framework:

First evaluation phase:

- (i) GO Lakeshore West and East corridor electrification between Hamilton, Union Station and Oshawa;
- (ii) Yonge North Subway extension from Finch Station in Toronto to Highway 7 in York Region, bundled with the York-VIVA Bus Rapid Transit project from Steeles Avenue to Highway 7;
- (iii) Scarborough Rapid Transit (SRT) extension from McCowan Road to Sheppard Avenue East at Markham Road, with potential additional extensions east to Durham Region and north to York Region, bundled with the SRT conversion program for the existing SRT corridor from Kennedy Station to McCowan Road;
- (iv) Toronto Transit City “Inter-Regional” Light Rail Transit (LRT) network bundle (Phase 1), including the Eglinton LRT from Peel Region to Durham and/or York regions, the Sheppard East LRT from Don Mills Road to Morningside Avenue, with potential extensions to Durham and/or York regions, and the Finch West LRT from Peel Region to Finch Station on Yonge Street; and,

- (v) York Region-VIVA rapid transit network bundle including Yonge Street from Highway 7 to Newmarket, Highway 7 from Highway 50 to Cornell, and Markham North-South link from Markham Centre to Don Mills Station.

Second evaluation phase:

- (i) GO Train network bundle focused on a potential new Toronto hub at Yonge-Summerhill or Spadina-Dupont, including new GO Train service on the Toronto Crosstown corridor from Weston Road to the Don Valley Parkway, and GO Train extensions to Bolton, future Pickering Airport, and Seaton/North Pickering;
- (ii) Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) East-West rapid transit network bundle, including:
 - (a) GO Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects including the Oakville Link from Oakville GO Station to the Highway 403/407 interchange in Mississauga, Northwest Toronto Link from Renforth Drive and York University, Markham-Scarborough Link from Highway 407 to Highway 401, and the Scarborough-Pickering link from Markham Road to the Pickering GO Station; and
 - (b) Highway 407 Transitway projects including the Highway 427 Connector from Renforth Drive to Highway 407, Central section from Highway 427 to Markham Road, Halton section from Burlington to Highway 401/407 interchange, and Peel section from the Highway 401/407 interchange to Highway 427.
- (iii) Peel Inter-Regional LRT network bundle including the Hurontario Road corridor from Queen Street in Brampton to Lakeshore Road in Mississauga, and the Dundas Avenue corridor from Halton Region to Kipling Station in Toronto; and
- (iv) Toronto Transit City Inter-Regional LRT bundle (Phase 2), including the Don Mills Road LRT from York Region to the Bloor-Danforth Subway, Jane Street LRT from York Region to Jane Station, Scarborough-Malvern LRT from Kennedy Station to Malvern Road with potential extensions to Durham and/or York regions, and the Waterfront West LRT from Union Station to Peel Region.

THAT the Board approve the key evaluation criteria for selecting projects for AFP evaluation, including project size, scope, bundling potential, implementation readiness and funding status, and as further described in detail in Report (SII-07-002.)

THAT staff be directed to:

- (i) Report back to the Board with first phase AFP evaluation results in spring 2008, and second phase results in late summer 2008; and
- (ii) ***pending delivery of these results, report back to the Board in January 2008 with a progress report and in February 2008 with analysis and recommendations on at least two projects; and***
- (iii) Coordinate the AFP evaluation results and recommendations with other key GTTA workplan deliverables, including the proposed GTTA MoveOntario 2020 Quick-Win Investment Package, Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Long-Term Transportation Strategy.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

SIIR 07-001 GTТА Foundation Research Study
Phase I: Quantitative Survey

Rita Scagnetti, Director of Public Affairs & Communications introduced Sandra Guiry, Associate Vice President, Ipsos Reid Public Affairs who presented on the results of the Quantitative Survey of GTHA residents.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board receive the results of the Quantitative Survey of GTHA Residents, a comprehensive study of traveller behaviours, attitudes, beliefs and preferences, undertaken by Ipsos Reid Public Affairs as appended; and

THAT GTТА staff and consultants be directed to use the results of this quantitative market research in the development of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

Carried

P&P 07-001 Green Paper #1: Towards Sustainable Transportation

Joe Perrotta, Director, Policy & Planning presented the RTP Green Paper # 1 and introduced Lee Sims, Director, IBI Group to provide an overview on the first discussion paper.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board approves the release of the first consultation paper for the Regional Transportation Plan titled, *Towards Sustainable Transportation* subject to final formatting of content and document design.

Carried

ROUND TABLE

There were no items discussed at the round table session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: at 3:00 pm

Carried

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Chair

Secretary