

EXTRACT CONTAINING ITEM #0006 OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF MEETING NO. 16 (Oct 17, 2005)

6. HIGHWAY 7 RAPID TRANSIT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT (5.10, 5.14)

Report

The Committee discussed the status and attire of special constables currently monitoring VIVA buses. Members posed questions regarding the potential traffic conditions created by the construction of a median and the potential for pedestrians to cross Highway 7 at various points. It was noted that subsequent meetings would be held to receive further input on the final design and implementation of the Transitway and associated structural elements.

There was considerable discussion with respect to the status and ownership of certain roadways within the Town of Markham's Official Plan which are put forward as preferred options for the Transitway. Members also discussed issues relating to the intended route and the suggested extensions used to connect the Transitway with various communities in the Town of Markham.

It was agreed that a staff report would come forward to General Committee acknowledging the status of roadways noted within the Official Plan but not within the latest Development Charges By-Law.

Moved by Regional Councillor J. Heath

Seconded by Deputy Mayor F. Scarpitti

That the October 17, 2005 report entitled "Highway 7 Rapid Transit Environmental Study Report" be received;

And that Council endorse the findings of the Environmental Assessment Study Report for the Highway 7 Rapid Transit project;

And that staff continue to work with Regional and YRTP staff to finalize the design for the rapid transit facility;

And that Bruce Macgregor, Commissioner of Transportation and Works for the Region of York and Mary Frances Turner of YRTP be advised of Council's position.

And that staff report back on the location of stations East of Wooten Way.

CARRIED

EXTRACT CONTAINING ITEM #0004 OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF MEETING NO. 22 (Sep 23, 2008)

4. HIGHWAY 7 TRANSITWAY 4 TO 6 LANES UPDATE (5.10)

Mr. David Clark, Chief Architect Infrastructure and Development, VIVA, delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update regarding the Highway 7 transitway.

The Committee suggested that the bike lanes be relocated to the other side of the curb for improved safety to the cyclists. There was discussion regarding the potential to reduce the widening of Highway 7 instead of the proposed 6 lanes. The Committee also suggested that a sustainable plan is necessary to handle the extra storm water run off.

The Committee enquired about sidewalk construction along Highway 7 (within the Markham Centre district). Staff agreed to report back to Committee with feasible interim alternatives (e.g. gravel sidewalks) that could potentially be put in place pending the Regions reconstruction of Highway 7.

Moved by Mayor F. Scarpitti

Seconded by Councillor D. Horchik

That the presentation by Mr. David Clark, Chief Architect Infrastructure and Development, Viva regarding Highway 7 Transitway 4 to 6 Lanes Update be received; and,

That the Region of York be requested to incorporate segregated bicycle lanes within the right-of-way from the property line to the curb; and,

That staff report back to the Development Services Committee by December 2008 regarding options and implications of the 4 lane verses 6 lane widening along the Highway 7 Transitway; and further,

That staff report back as to sidewalk options for Highway 7.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The Development Services Committee meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

EXTRACT CONTAINING ITEM #0003 OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE OF MEETING NO. 16 (May 27, 2008)**3. HIGHWAY 7/WARDEN AVENUE RAPID TRANSIT UPDATE AND YONGE SUBWAY UPDATE (10.0)**

Mr. Tom Middlebrook, McCormick Rankin Corporation, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Yonge Subway. The presentation included the proposed stations, various construction techniques, crossing of the East Don River, terminal requirements at Steeles Avenue and Richmond Hill Centre and project schedule.

Sam Balsamo, Condor Properties, addressed the Committee with respect to the proposed development by Condor Properties at Yonge Street and Highway 7. He advised that that they are committed to working with VIVA to ensure integrated goals are established between the proposed development and future transit.

There was discussion regarding the proposed subway station at Centre Street in Thornhill and whether it should be built, eliminated, or roughed in for a future station.

Ms. Marion Matthias, Markham resident, addressed the Committee regarding the Yonge Subway, indicating she feels the proposed Centre Street station should be eliminated. Ms. Matthias is concerned that the Yonge Street EA will not protect the Heritage Section of Thornhill. She enquired about the Hydro Poles and whether they will be buried and if Condor Properties will integrate the Munshaw Homestead Heritage House into their development?

The Committee requested that the Region provide additional information with respect to the proposed Centre Street station to assist in determining whether or not that station should be built.

Mr. David Clark, York Region Rapid Transit, delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Highway 7 (H3) VIVA design elements, route and next steps.

The Committee discussed the proposed bike lanes along Highway 7 and suggested a physical barrier be installed between the bike lane and car lane to ensure safety for the riders or relocate the bike lane to the boulevard or a side street. Mr. Clark will report back to the Committee regarding this issue. The Committee also discussed the Cross Section of Highway 7 that includes 6 lanes for cars, two bus lanes and two bike lanes. The idea that the car lanes should be minimized to only 4 lanes was raised. Mr. Clark advised that the EA for this area is already approved with Markham Council's concurrence to such. It was noted by staff that Highway 7 is already 6 mixed traffic lanes therefore, width west of Woodbine Avenue, and that the EA proposes to continue the 6 lanes through Markham Centre, plus dedicated transit lanes from the west to Town Centre Blvd.

There was discussion surrounding how residents north of Highway 7 can conveniently get to the Highway 7 VIVA route without using their cars.

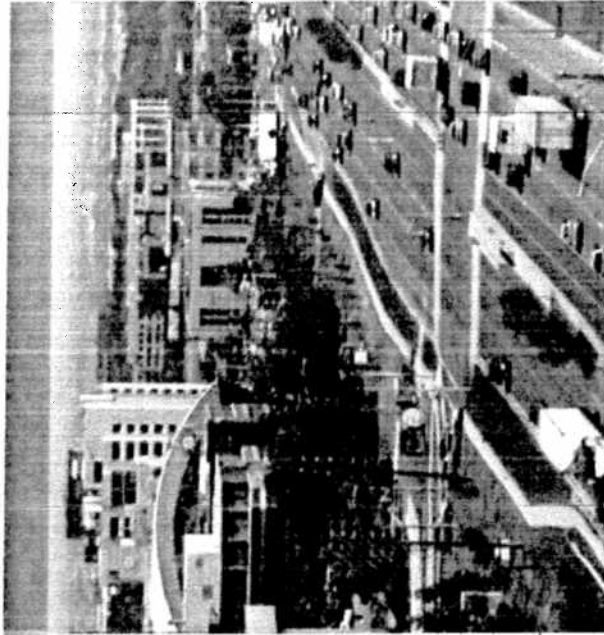
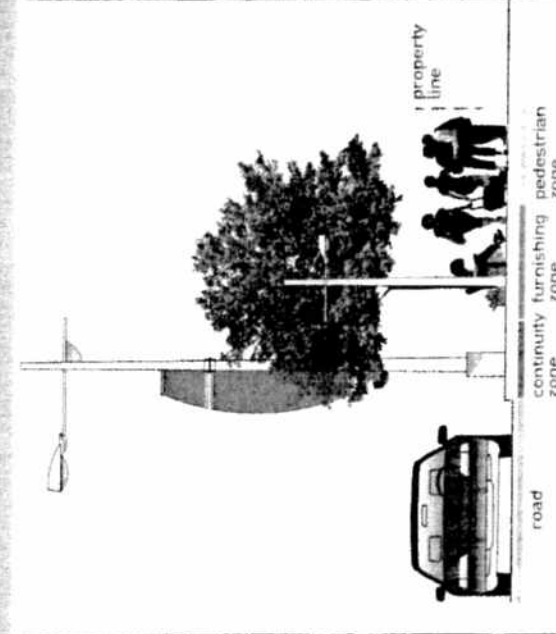
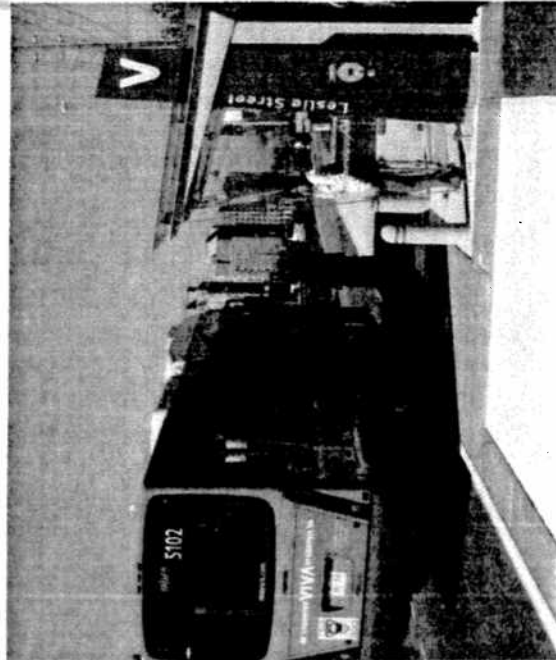
Moved by Councillor A. Chiu

Seconded by Regional Councillor J. Jones

That the presentation by Mr. David Clark, York Region Rapid Transit, and Mr. Tom Middlebrook regarding Highway 7/Warden Avenue Rapid Transit Update and Yonge Subway Update be received.

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