Steeles Avenue Grade Separation at Stouffville GO Line

April 3, 2017
Project Context

Milliken Centre
Secondary Plan Area

Steeles Avenue Bridge EA Study Area

Remington Centre

Milliken GO Station

Potential Secondary Gateway Hub (OP 2014)
Project Context

• Stouffville GO Line part of Metrolinx Regional Express Rail (RER) program
• Steeles Ave grade separation (Road under Rail) part of Stouffville GO Line RER project
• Grade separation EA completed by Toronto and filed for 30-day review ending on April 7, 2017
• EA study funded by Toronto, Metrolinx and York Region
• Metrolinx to implement project through Design Build Finance (DBF) process with project completion in 2020
EA Project Recommendations
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Eastbound Lanes

Westbound Lanes
EA Project Recommendations

- In-boulevard Directional Cycle Tracks from Putnam Gate/Kelvin Grove Ave to Midland Ave
EA Project Recommendations

Widen Steeles Ave to 6-lanes from Redlea Ave to Midland Ave

Elevators (4) at each corner of rail bridge and pedestrian walkway on both sides of rail bridge

Remington Centre

Turff Ave elimination

Proposed storm water pumping station
EA Project Recommendations

- ROW widening and property easement needed on both sides
- Midland Ave and Steeles Ave intersection improvements
Elements to be Defined in DBF Stage

• Pedestrian/Cycling pathway on top of retaining wall connecting to walkways on rail bridge, to be part of easement negotiations with property owners
• Secure elements for the Secondary Gateway Hub (incl. bicycle parking, public plaza, street furniture)
• Final location of the Pumping Station will be determined in DBF based on agreed maintenance access route
EA Process Towards Approval

- EA public review period ends on April 7, 2017
- Concerns should be directed to City of Toronto for resolution within review period
- Any person or party with unresolved issue(s) may request the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) to order a change in the project status and require a higher level of assessment (referred to as a Part II Order)
- Outstanding issues must be received by MOECC by April 7, 2017
RECOMMENDATIONS

- That the presentation “Steeles Avenue Grade Separation at Stouffville GO Line” at the April 3, 2017 meeting of General Committee be received;
- That the City of Markham advise that it has no objection to the EA preferred design alternative, and the three outstanding items as indicated on slide 9 to be addressed in the detailed design stage;
- That staff submit any comments from the April 3, 2017 General Committee, as draft comments subject to Council endorsement, to the City of Toronto, Metrolinx and the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change before the EA public review period ends on April 7, 2017; and
- That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.
QUESTIONS?