

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee  
and the Works Committee**

**Meeting 1**

**Thursday, April 7, 2005**

The Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee met on Thursday, April 7, 2005, in the Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:

<u>Planning and Transportation Committee:</u>		
	<u>9:40 a.m.-12:27 p.m.</u>	<u>2:10 p.m. - 5:20 p.m.</u>
Councillor Gerry Altobello, Chair	X	X
Councillor Peter Milczyn, Vice-Chair	X	X
Councillor Cliff Jenkins	X	X
Councillor Cesar Palacio	X	X
Councillor Bill Saundercook	X	X
Councillor Karen Stintz	X	X
<u>Works Committee:</u>		
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X	X
Deputy Mayor Sandra Bussin	X	X
Councillor Bas Balkissoon	X	X
Councillor Mike Del Grande	X	X
Councillor Paula Fletcher		X
Councillor Adam Giambrone	X	X
Councillor Michael Thompson	X	X
<u>Regrets:</u>		
Councillor John Filion		
Councillor Howard Moscoe		
Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker		
<u>Also Present:</u>		

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Councillor Shelley Carroll		
Councillor Kyle Rae		
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong		

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

**1.1 Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan  
(Beaches-East York, Don Valley East, Don Valley West,  
Toronto-Danforth, Willowdale)**

The Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee considered a report (March 17, 2005) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services on the findings and recommendations of the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan Study; requesting endorsement of the strategies laid out in the Master Plan and providing information on further Environmental Assessment approvals processes, where applicable, and other studies required to implement recommended elements identified in the Master Plan for Stage 1 and 2 High Priority.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council endorse the 9 Key Initiatives recommended in the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan (DVC TMP) and support the following actions required to implement the elements identified as Stage 1 and 2 – High Priority Elements of the Master Plan:
  - (i) complete a feasibility study for commuter parking increases at Old Cummer Station and Oriole Station (by GO Transit, supported by the City) (Table 5, Items 1(a) and 1(b));
  - (ii) investigate potential commuter parking expansion opportunities near Leslie Station on Sheppard Subway line (TTC, City) (Table 5, Item 2(c));
  - (iii) complete a feasibility study for a new GO Rail station at Eglinton Avenue and Richmond Hill GO line (to be funded by GO Transit) (Table 5, Item 1(c));
  - (iv) complete a feasibility study for bus shoulder-lane operations on the Don

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Valley Parkway (DVP) (to be funded by GO Transit) (Table 5, Item 4);

- (v) initiate an Individual Environmental Assessment for Higher-Order Transit Service in the Don Mills Road corridor to determine routing options, transit technology and design concepts and traffic operations strategies (including an assessment of transit priority on both Don Mills Road and Victoria Park Avenue north of Steeles Avenue), including full community consultation as required by the Environmental Assessment Act. (Table 5, Items 2(a), 2(b), 5(b));
- (vi) complete a Schedule C Class EA for operational improvements on the DVP between York Mills Road and Highway 401 (Table 5, Item 7);
- (vii) work with York Region Rapid Transit and York Region to implement new cross-boundary transit services (Table 5, Items 3(a), 3(c));
- (viii) complete a feasibility study for Carpool lot at Finch Hydro Corridor and Gordon Baker Road (Table 5, Item 6(b));
- (ix) work with Police Services to discuss enforcement strategies for existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes (Table 5, Item 6(c));
- (x) work with the Smart Commute Association to initiate a Transportation Management Association in the Consumers Road area (Table 5, Item 6(d) (i));
- (xi) in consultation with TTC, complete a Traffic Operations Strategy study to review and identify a work program to implement improvements to the traffic control system, including operational strategies such as transit signal priority and adaptive traffic control, in the area bounded by Bayview Avenue, Victoria Park Avenue, Steeles Avenue and Eglinton Avenue (Table 5, Items 8(c), 5(c));
- (xii) develop a work program to accelerate integration of services and protocols between the City's RESCU system and MTO Compass system (Table 5, Item (d)); and
- (xiii) prepare a report to Council on expanding on-street peak period parking restrictions on Bayview Avenue south of Eglinton Avenue and on Eglinton Avenue west of Laird (Table 5, Items 9 (a), 9(b));

staff reports regarding individual projects/studies will be brought to the appropriate Committees and Council for approval, as required. The remaining elements (Stage

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- 2) of the Master Plan will be assessed and prioritized in an implementation plan as time and funding permit;
- (2) authority be granted to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to issue notification of study completion advising those individuals and groups on the project mailing list of City Council's direction regarding the Master Plan, and describing how individuals or groups may provide additional comments concerning the study and/or recommendations;
  - (3) Council request that the external agencies identified in Recommendation (1) Items (i), (iii), (iv) and (vii) initiate and complete the studies as recommended in the Master Plan, in consultation with the appropriate City staff; and
  - (4) the City Clerk forward this report to the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission, Minister of Transportation (Ontario), Managing Director, GO Transit, and CAO, Region of York for their information.

The Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee also considered communications from the following:

- (March 21, 2005) from Ms. Deborah Martin-Downs, Chair, Don Watershed Regeneration Council;
- (March 7, 2005) from Jerry Derich;
- (March 29, 2005) from John Wilson, Chair, Task Force to Bring Back the Don;
- (March 31, 2005) from Andrew McCammon, Chair, The Taylor Massey Project;
- (April 3, 2005) from Stephanie Holbik;
- (March 16, 2005) from David Stubbins;
- (April 4, 2005) from Ian Moorhead, Brick Works Project Leader, EVERGREEN;
- (April 6, 2005) from Cynthia Wilkey, Chair, West Don Lands Committee;
- (April 5, 2005) from John Hogarth;
- (April 5, 2005) from Michael Papadouris;
- (April 5, 2005) from Dr. and Mrs. John Murphy;

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- (April 6, 2005) from Shewana Sheikh, Administrator, Operations and Development, Canadian Red Cross, Toronto Region;
- (April 5, 2005) from J. Helbronner;
- (April 5, 2005) from Judith and Arthur James;
- (April 5, 2005) from Katharine Tapscott;
- (April 5, 2005) from Michael and Jennifer Barnett;
- (April 5, 2005) from Paul Cassel;
- (April 5, 2005) from Philip Day;
- (April 5, 2005) from Michael and Catherine Manley;
- (April 6, 2005) from Albert Pace;
- (April 6, 2005) from Frederic Jackman, President, Drumsnab Road Association;
- (April 6, 2005) from Philip Day;
- (April 6, 2005) from Sue Howe;
- (April 5, 2005) from Sarah Powell;
- (April 5, 2005) from Peter D. Russel;
- (April 5, 2005) from Jonathan Lovat Dickson;
- (April 6, 2005) from Dagmar Falkenberg;
- (April 5, 2005) from Alecia Bell;
- (April 6, 2005) from Donald and Marjorie Lenz;
- (April 6, 2005) from David and Michelle Bermann;
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- (April 6, 2005) from Ann Herring;
- (April 6, 2005) from Sheldon Hellin;
- (April 5, 2005) from Jim Posluns;
- (April 6, 2005) from Richard McGraw, President, LOCHAN ORA GROUP OF COMPANIES;
- (April 6, 2005) from Karen Walsh;
- (April 6, 2005) from Doone and George Estey;
- (April 6, 2005) from Melissa Polidori;
- (April 6, 2005) from Rona Gray;
- (April 6, 2005) from Sheila Protti;
- (April 5, 2005) from Ossama El Sarraff, Chair, Thorncliffe Park School Advisory Council;
- (April 5, 2005) from Victoria and Ian Ollers; and
- (March 17, 2005) from Paul Woods, Vice-Principal, Thorncliffe Park Public School;
- (April 6, 2005) from David C. Scott;
- (April 6, 2005) from Douglas and Mary Campbell;
- (April 6, 2005) from John Calhoun;
- (April 6, 2005) from Jane Wilton;
- (April 6, 2005) from David Harrison;
- (April 6, 2005) from Roberta Cooper;
- (April 6, 2005) from Michelle Sadler;
- (undated) from Sultana Nathoo;
- (March 7, 2005) from Nora Seropian;

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- (April 2, 2005) from Gail Gregory, Board Member, Toronto Field Naturalists; and
- (April 6, 2005) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission.

Rod McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning Division, and Joanna Musters, Program Manager, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services Department, gave an overhead presentation on the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan, and filed a copy of their presentation.

The following persons appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee:

- Kathleen Wynne, MPP, Don Valley West;
- Geoff Kettel, and filed a written submission;
- Abdul Patel, Director, Ansaar Foundation;
- Abdul Ingar;
- Philip Shediak;
- Patricia Moore;
- Dalton Shipway, and filed a written submission;
- Faye Lyons, Government Relations Specialist, CAA South Central Ontario;
- John Kuropatatwa, Principal, Valley Park Middle School;
- Ved Singal and Paul Dewan, Valley Park Middle School, School Council, and filed a written submission;
- J. Patrick Howe, President, North Rosedale Ratepayers Association;
- Terry West, President, Don Mills Residents Inc.;
- Melvin Plewes, on behalf of the Don Watershed Regeneration Council;
- John Wilson, Chair, Task Force to Bring Back the Don;

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- William Phillips;
- Erv Wittrock, and filed a written submission;
- Karl Frank;
- George Hughes, President, Governors Bridge Ratepayers Association, and filed a written submission;
- Clay McFayden;
- Robert Rueter;
- Ted Zwibel, President, Leaside Towers Tenants Association, and read a communication from Paul Woods, Vice-Principal, Thorncliffe Park Public School;
- Hugh Grant on behalf of the residents of Bennington Heights, and filed a written submission;
- Saeed Malik;
- Steve Munro;
- Hamish Wilson, and filed a written submission;
- Philip Day;
- David Townley, President, the South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association;
- Doug Allingham, President, Toten Sims Hubicki;
- Gord Perks;
- Jeff Layton;
- Gord Martineau;
- Al Pace;
- Iqbal Malek;
- Alex Murray;



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- Tammy Wells; and
- Diane Thomson.

The following Members of Council also appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee:

- Councillor Shelley Carroll, Don Valley East; and
- Councillor Kyle Rae, Toronto-Centre Rosedale, and moved that the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee:
  - (1) refer the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan study to the Toronto Transit Commission for the consideration and input of the Commissioners with a view to studying these suggestions in a more comprehensive, Toronto-wide transit network strategy as adopted by the TTC in January 2005;
  - (2) that the scope of the study be moved west to include Yonge Street and the potential effects of these recommendations on the Yonge-University-Spadina subway line;
  - (3) that the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan be referred back to City staff and the staff consultant to consider the feasibility of a “people mover” to transport passengers from the ravine floor to the Castle Frank Subway Station;
  - (4) that the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan be referred back to City staff and the staff consultant with instructions to host a public open house or open houses in the affected Wards to discuss the further findings and to report back on the comments and suggestions raised by the public at these open houses;
  - (5) that the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan be referred back to City staff and the staff consultant with instructions to recalculate the proposed costs of the Castle Frank Subway Station option after completing:
    - slope stability assessments;
    - flood control measures;

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- a list of properties that may need to be expropriated; and
  - an estimate of expropriation costs, including land acquisition and administrative expenses;
- (6) that the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan be referred to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, the City Cycling Committee and the Task Force to Bring Back the Don for their consideration and comments;
  - (7) that City staff report on the state of discussions with CN Rail and CP Rail on the status of the existing rail lines within the parameters and surrounding areas of the study;
  - (8) that City staff be requested to prepare a further report on the feasibility of creating a light rail transit system within the parameters and surrounding areas covered by the study;
  - (9) that City staff be directed to prepare a report on the feasibility of a light rail network in the City of Toronto including tie-ins to existing TTC and GO Transit facilities;
  - (10) that the Toronto Transit Commission be requested to report on the feasibility of an express BRT route between Thorncliffe Park and Pape, Broadview and Castle Frank Stations;
  - (11) that a Community Advisory Committee be created to review the work done to date and to be involved in future study with Council appointed membership and terms of reference;
  - (12) that Council express its support of the GO Transit 10-Year Plan;
  - (13) that the TTC be requested to report on the capacity of the Bloor-Danforth line at Pape, Broadview and Castle Frank Stations at the a.m. and p.m. rush hours;
  - (14) that the TTC be requested to report on the expected increases in ridership along the Bloor-Danforth line over the next ten years and how this will affect the capacity of their subway trains at Pape, Broadview and Castle Frank Stations;
  - (15) that City staff report on the feasibility of creating an underground pedestrian link from the Leslie Subway Station to the Leslie GO Train Station;

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- (16) that City staff report on the feasibility of creating an additional subway entrance to the Leslie Subway Station on the north side of Leslie Street;
- (17) direct the City staff to write to GO-Transit urging quick implementation of both larger trains and more frequent service on the Richmond Hill line;
- (18) that the TTC be requested to improve the frequency of the Don Mills and Victoria Park Buses; and
- (19) that the following be added to the terms of reference for the EA:
  - (i) full examination of LRT; and
  - (ii) full review of network implications as outlined in the Building of a Transit City report and the Official Plan.

The Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee recommended that:

- (I) City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (March 17, 2005) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services;

**(Motion by Councillor Pitfield, which was carried on the following recorded vote:**

**FOR: Councillors Altobello, Balkissoon, Deputy Mayor Bussin, Del Grande, Jenkins, Milczyn, Palacio, Pitfield, Saundercook, Stintz and Thompson - 11**

**AGAINST: Councillor Giambrone - 1**

- (II) the appropriate City officials proceed in implementing the Master Plan using a “net gain” principle, whereby environmental mitigation efforts offset the negative impacts of any construction in the Don Valley and enhance the environment in the immediate vicinity of the construction;

**(Motion by Councillor Pitfield)**

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- (III) Council direct the appropriate City officials and the Task Force to Bring Back the Don to work consultatively with other stakeholder groups in designing projects pursuant to the Master Plan that will have an impact on the Don Valley;

**(Motion by Councillor Pitfield)**

- (IV) other options other than the bus ramps to Castle Frank Station, such as a transit stop/station on Bayview Avenue, with a vertical connection to the Castle Frank Station by way of a people mover (elevator or covered escalator) be Council's preferred alternative for future study;

**(Motion by Councillor Pitfield)**

- (V) opportunities for light rail adaptation be looked at for possible future use at Redway Road;

**(Motion by Councillor Pitfield)**

- (VI) options to increase the Don Mills BRT route include connections with Queen Street, King Street and the Waterfront;

**(Motion by Councillor Pitfield)**

- (VII) the appropriate City Officials:

(a) when considering options for Redway Road, design such options to preclude all motorized vehicles other than transit vehicles; and

(b) when assessing alternatives to link a future possible transit corridor to the Bloor/Danforth Subway, give preference to alternatives that do not use the Bloor Street ramp to the Castle Frank Station;

**(Motion by Deputy Mayor Bussin)**

- (VIII) the recommendations of the Toronto Transit Commission contained in the communication (April 6, 2005) from General Secretary,

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Toronto Transit Commission, be adopted, amended to read as follows:

- “(1) each route be closely examined to determine feasibility of LRT as well as BRT; and
- (2) that staff be directed to report this year on a staging plan that assumes all corridors permit Streetcar/LRT/Buses and investigate the resulting carhouse, overhead, vehicle and technology issues”;

**(Motion by Councillor Pitfield)**

- (IX) the document entitled “Don Valley Busway Transfer Area” be referred to the appropriate City Officials for examination as part of the study; and

**(Motion by Councillor Pitfield)**

- (X) Council express its support of the GO Transit 10-Year Plan.

**(Motion by Councillor Altobello, on behalf of Councillor Rae)**

The Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee further:

- (a) requested the General Manager, Transportation, to submit a report to the Works Committee on the future possible use of the Canadian Pacific North Toronto Line for transportation purposes to include public transit, cycling, pedestrians and automobiles;

**(Motion by Councillor Thompson)**

- (b) requested the Executive Director, Facilities and Real Estate to submit a report to the appropriate committee on the viable option of purchasing the lands for the Redway Road Extension and the transfer of these lands to the Toronto Transit Commission for use as a TTC right-of-way; and

**(Motion by Councillor Balkissoon)**

- (c) referred the following motion to the appropriate City officials for consideration as part of the Study:

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Moved by Councillor Altobello, on behalf of Councillor Rae:

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- (2) that City staff be requested to prepare a further report on the feasibility of creating a light rail transit system within the parameters and surrounding areas covered by the study;
- (3) that City staff be directed to prepare a report on the feasibility of a light rail network in the City of Toronto including tie-ins to existing TTC and GO Transit facilities;
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- (10) that the appropriate City staff be directed to write to GO Transit urging quick implementation of both larger trains and more frequent service on the Richmond Hill line;
- (11) that the TTC be requested to improve the frequency of the Don Mills and Victoria Park Buses; and
- (12) that the following be added to the terms of reference for the EA:
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  - (ii) full review of network implications as outlined in the Building of a Transit City report and the Official Plan.

The following motion by Councillor Pitfield was declared redundant:

“That the only design concepts to be considered for the extension of Redway Road to the Bayview Extension be such that would permit the sole use of transit vehicles.”

The following motions were voted on and did not carry:

Motion by Councillor Altobello, on behalf of Councillor Rae:

“The Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee:

- (1) referred the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan study to the Toronto Transit Commission for the consideration and input of the Commissioners with a view to studying these suggestions in a more comprehensive, Toronto-wide transit network strategy as adopted by the TTC in January 2005;
- (2) that the scope of the study be moved west to include Yonge Street and the potential effects of these recommendations on the Yonge-University-Spadina subway line;
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- (4) that the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan be referred back to City staff and the staff consultant with instructions to host a public open house or open houses in the affected Wards to discuss the further findings and to report back on the comments and suggestions raised by the public at these open houses;
- (5) that the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan be referred back to City staff and the staff consultant with instructions to recalculate the proposed costs of the Castle Frank Subway Station option after completing;
  - slope stability assessments;
  - flood control measures;
  - a list of properties that may need to be expropriated; and
  - an estimate of expropriation costs, including land acquisition and administrative expenses; and
- (6) that the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan be referred to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, the City Cycling Committee and the Task Force to Bring Back the Don for their consideration and comments.”

Motion by Councillor Giambrone:

- “(1) That the Toronto Transit Commission be requested to provide a summary report of the plan that was submitted ranking the different transit projects, costs per ride, overall estimated cost.
- (2) That City staff prepare a report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on the following aspects of the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan, to be provided for review in advance of the May Committee meeting:
  - (a) the number, size, location, and species of trees affected;
  - (b) the reduction, if any, of the natural land base along the corridor; and
  - (c) a proposed plan, including costs, which reduces or eliminates these negative environmental impacts from the final plan.”

(Commissioner of Urban Development Services; Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services – April 7, 2005)



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**Joint Report 1, Clause 1**

The Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:20 p.m.

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Chair.