

**Official Plan Amendment for Sheppard East Light Rail Transit (LRT) – Final Report**

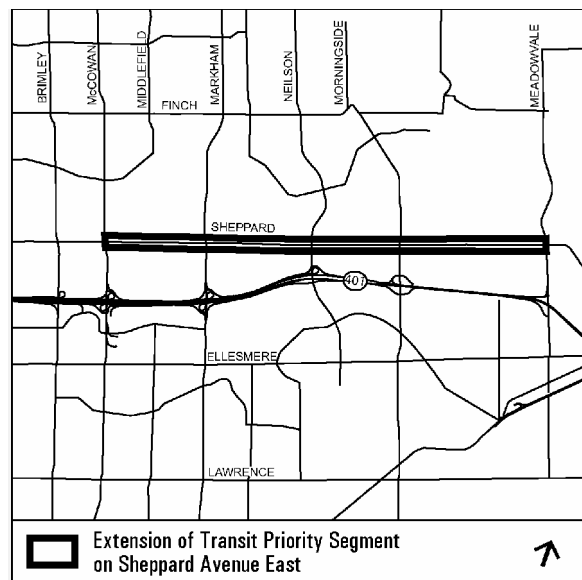
<b>Date:</b>	June 5, 2008
<b>To:</b>	Planning and Growth Management Committee
<b>From:</b>	Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division
<b>Wards:</b>	Wards No. 41 and 42 - Scarborough-Rouge River and Ward No. 44 Scarborough East
<b>Reference Number:</b>	pg080031

**SUMMARY**

On March 21, 2007 the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) endorsed a light rail transit plan for the City of Toronto which included seven projects across the City. Amongst them was the Sheppard East Light Rail Transit (LRT) route from the existing Don Mills station on the Sheppard subway to Morningside Avenue and possibly to Meadowvale Road.

Map 5 Surface Transit Priority Network, in the Official Plan identifies Sheppard Avenue, from Don Mills Road to McCowan Road, as a transit priority segment. The Planning Act Section 24 provisions require public works to conform to an Official Plan in effect. Thus for any public works related to the Sheppard East LRT to be undertaken, east of McCowan Road, the Official Plan is required to be amended

This report recommends an amendment to Map 5 Surface Transit Priority Network, of the Official Plan, extending the transit priority segment along Sheppard Avenue from McCowan Road to Meadowvale Road.



## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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### **The City Planning Division recommends that:**

1. City Council amend the Official Plan substantially in accordance with the draft official plan amendment attached as Attachment 1; and
2. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to make such stylistic and technical changes to the draft official plan amendment as may be required.

### **Financial Impact**

The recommendations in this report have no financial impact.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

At its June 5, 2008 meeting, Planning and Growth Management Committee approved a Request for Direction report directing staff to bring forward this official plan amendment to its July 2, 2008 meeting.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-13044.pdf>

At its meeting on March 21, 2007 the Toronto Transit Commission endorsed the Toronto Transit City – Light Rail Plan as the basis and priority for rapid transit expansion within the City.

At its meeting on July 11, 2007 the Toronto Transit Commission approved an implementation work plan report on the Toronto Transit City plan which identified the Sheppard LRT project as one of the three strong candidates for early implementation achieving significant benefits.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

The Official Plan, Map 5 Surface Transit Priority Network, identifies Sheppard Avenue East from Don Mills Road to McCowan Road as a surface transit priority segment. In addition, Policy 2.2.3 h) in the Plan further outlines the type of transit priority measures on routes identified on Map 5. These include dedicated lanes for transit and priority measures at signalized intersections.

The Implementation section of the Official Plan contains a policy 5.3.1.1 which states that all public works should conform to the Official Plan. This is in line with the Planning Act (R.S.O. 1990) Section 24 which states that where an official plan is in effect, no public works shall be undertaken that does not conform to the Plan.

A Transit Class Environmental Assessment Study was commenced for the Sheppard Avenue East LRT project in late 2007. The first set of public consultations took place on April 15 and 17, 2008. A further round of public consultations took place on June 3 and

4, 2008. Notices for these Open House meetings identified the need for an official plan amendment, to extend the Surface Transit Priority Network on Sheppard Avenue, from McCowan Road to Meadowvale Road.

## **COMMENTS**

The public consultations held for the environmental assessment study meet the Planning Act requirements as well as those of the Environment Assessment Act.

In order for any public works related to the light rail transit on Sheppard Avenue to be carried out east of McCowan Road, the Official Plan (Map 5) needs to be amended. Accordingly, staff recommend that the draft official plan amendment attached be adopted by City Council.

Toronto Transit Commission staff are anticipating to present a completion report on the environmental assessment study for the project at this same Planning and Growth Management Committee meeting.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENT**

Attachment 1: Draft Official Plan Amendment

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Authority: Planning and Growth Management Committee Item, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on .

Enacted by Council: ~, 20~

**CITY OF TORONTO**

**Bill No. ~**

**BY-LAW No. ~-20~**

**To adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 57 to the City of Toronto Official Plan with respect to Sheppard Avenue East, between McCowan Road and Meadowvale Road**

WHEREAS authority is given to Council under the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13, as amended, to pass this By-law; and

WHEREAS Council of the City of Toronto has provided adequate information to the public and has held at least one public meeting in accordance with the *Planning Act*;

The Council of the City of Toronto HEREBY ENACTS as follows:

1. The attached Amendment No. 57 to the Official Plan is hereby adopted pursuant to the *Planning Act*, as amended.

ENACTED AND PASSED this ~ day of ~, A.D. 20~.

DAVID R. MILLER,  
Mayor

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City Clerk

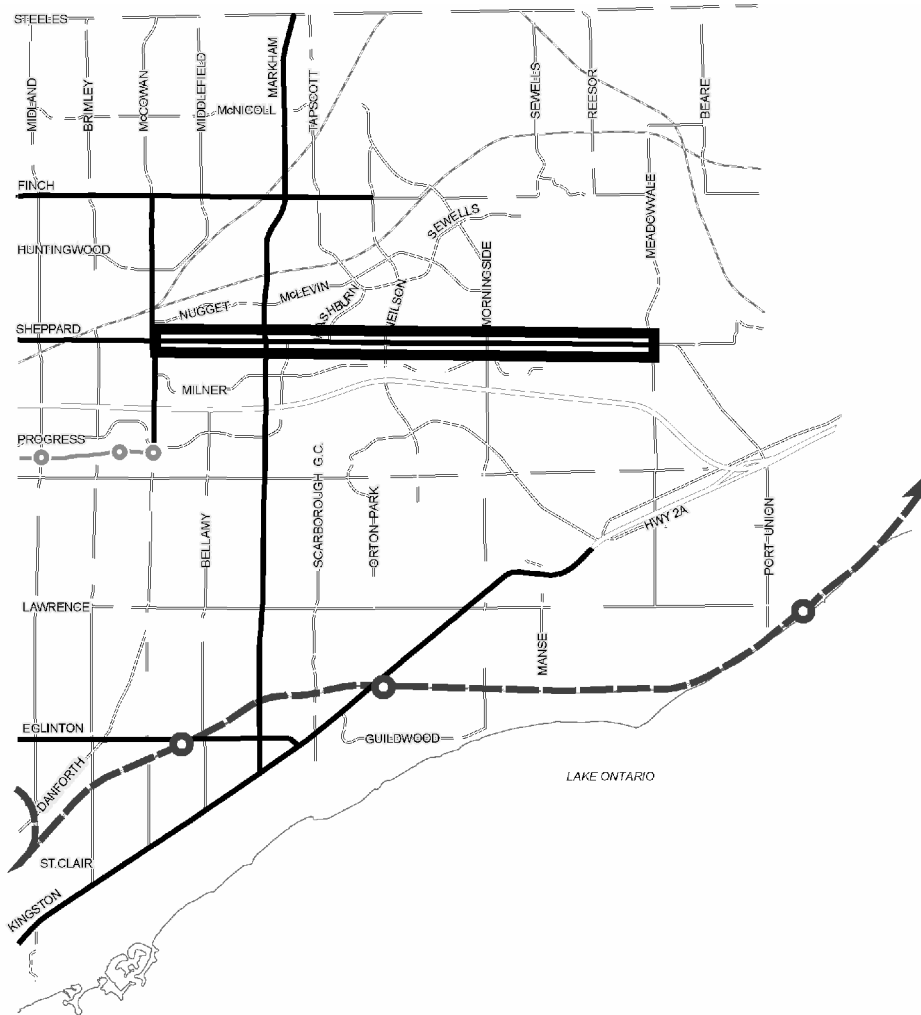
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## **AMENDMENT NO. 57 TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF TORONTO**

The Official Plan of the City of Toronto is amended as follows:

1. Map 5, Surface Transit Priority Network, is amended by extending the Transit Priority Segment on Sheppard Avenue East from McCowan Road to Meadowvale Road in accordance with Schedule '1' attached hereto.






# Schedule '1'



## Official Plan Amendment #57

## Surface Transit Priority Network

MAP 5

-  Proposed Amendment to Extend Transit Priority Segment
-  Existing TTC Subway and LRT Lines
-  Existing GO Rail Lines
-  Expansion Elements
-  Transit Priority Segments

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