

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: October 23, 2008

SUBJECT: KIPLING STATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

INFORMATION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission:

- 1) Receive this report for information; and,
- 2) Forward this report to Metrolinx for information, noting the TTC is proceeding with its elements of this project.

FUNDING

Funding for the Kipling Station East Entrance and PPUDO (the East Entrance) and the Auckland Road commuter parking lot is provided under Project 3.9, Buildings and Structures, Kipling Station Improvements, as set out on pages 855 to 857 – Category Improvement of the TTC 2009-2013 Capital Program, as approved by the Commission on August 27, 2008 including an amendment for additional funds in the amount of \$0.8 million.

The Kipling Station Improvements project, excluding the East Entrance and the Auckland Road commuter parking lot, was handed over to GO Transit in December 2007. The arrangement with GO Transit is that funding for the Kipling Station Improvements including the East Entrance, but excluding the Auckland Road commuter parking lot is provided by the Province through GO Transit. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) amongst GO Transit, Mississauga Transit, the City and the TTC setting out various matters including funding commitments, is being negotiated.

As a result of Metrolinx being assigned the lead for the design and execution of the project, the MOU is on hold until Metrolinx has concluded its review of the project which is scheduled for December 2008. Metrolinx has advised it concurs with the TTC proceeding with tendering the construction of the East Entrance as soon as the TTC is in a position to do so.

BACKGROUND

The Kipling Station redevelopment project was initiated as a joint TTC, City, GO Transit and Mississauga Transit initiative. In a report at the November 14, 2007 Commission meeting staff advised that, as a result of a joint meeting held on July 24, 2007, the Province

announced that, as a condition of provincial funding, the majority of the project is to be handed over to GO Transit. Staff advised in the report that the provincial funding is to flow through GO Transit and a hand over date was set for November 15, 2007.

The Commission authorized staff to finalize the handover of the design and construction to the satisfaction of the Chief General Manager except for the East Entrance and to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with GO Transit, the City of Toronto and Mississauga Transit regarding the roles and responsibilities of the various parties relating to the design, construction and funding of the Kipling Station Redevelopment project.

The Kipling Station Redevelopment project, excluding the East Entrance and the Auckland Road commuter parking lot, was handed over to GO Transit in December 2007. The MOU set out the various matters including funding strategies with the exception of a \$5.5 million contribution from Mississauga Transit and with the exception of the Auckland Road commuter parking lot which would be funded by the TTC, was scheduled to be completed by September 2008.

In late August 2008, staff was verbally advised by GO Transit they had received a letter from the Minister of Transportation advising that Metrolinx had been assigned the lead role for the design and execution of the Kipling Station Redevelopment project, in partnership with GO Transit, Mississauga Transit, the Toronto Transit Commission and the City of Toronto.

DISCUSSION

Staff has attended meetings with GO Transit and Metrolinx to secure an understanding of the nature of Metrolinx involvement in the project. We have been advised that, as Kipling Station has been identified as an anchor point/pilot project for a series of future mobility hubs, or network of accessible, multi-modal transit centres, Metrolinx wants the Kipling Station Redevelopment project to act as the 'Model' for future centres. As such, they wish to undertake a three month review of the design and are in the process of retaining a planning consultant to undertake the review.

Metrolinx has advised they will be reviewing the proposed new GO Transit/Mississauga Transit bus terminal, the recommendations coming out of the design charrette, the relationship of the station to the surrounding community and other related matters. Metrolinx has further advised that they concur with the TTC proceeding with the construction of the East Entrance as soon as the TTC is in a position to do so. The impact is a three month delay in the Kipling Station Redevelopment project, except for the East Entrance and a delay in the execution of the MOU pending the completion of Metrolinx's review. Metrolinx has indicated they will be forwarding a letter to GO Transit and copy to the Chief General Manager setting out the details of their mandate. As of the date of this report the letter had not been received.

The design is complete and other related matters respecting the East Entrance are almost fully resolved. We should be in a position to release the tender for the East Entrance in the next couple of weeks. As the completion of the East Entrance will, at an early stage in the overall redevelopment, improve access to Kipling Station, particularly while the balance of the

redevelopment is being undertaken. It is prudent to proceed as soon as possible to tender the project. It is considered appropriate to advertise the tender as soon as reasonably possible but not recommend the awarding of the contract until funding confirmation is secured.

JUSTIFICATION

The new East Entrance will provide an enhanced Kipling Station environment and accessibility for passengers using the station, the local community and will be particularly beneficial while the balance of the Kipling Station Redevelopment project is being undertaken by Metrolinx/GO Transit.

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