

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2008

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF UNBUDGETED EXPENDITURE – QUEENSWAY
SURFACE TRACK IMPROVEMENT AT SOUTH KINGSWAY
OVERPASS

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission approve the unbudgeted expenditure of \$200,000, for the work to proceed with the elevation and tamping requirements, of the Queensway track, to facilitate the relocation of pedestrian walkways and platforms to the east of South Kingsway Overpass, in line with a City of Toronto project.

FUNDING

Funds for Surface Track Replacement have been included in the 2009-2013 TTC Capital Program approved by the Commission on August 27, 2008, however, this \$200,000 expenditure was not identified in the scope of work. Every effort will be made to accommodate this expenditure within existing approval levels.

BACKGROUND

The City of Toronto, in conjunction with TTC Service Planning Department, has recognized the need for improvement of the South Kingsway Ramps and pedestrian walkways for TTC patrons. The City has contracted this work which includes the removal of existing concrete curb, sidewalk, and pavement adjacent to the Queensway track east of South Kingsway Overpass. The contract also includes the reconstruction of the road, new concrete TTC retaining wall together with the curb, sidewalk, streetcar platforms and concrete pedestrian crossing. The City and TTC Service Planning staff did not anticipate that the scope needed to include the levelling of the rails to accommodate the new crosswalk and the relocated TTC platforms. The project design commenced in October 2008 and the construction is anticipated to be completed by December 31, 2008.

DISCUSSION

The two islands located under the South Kingsway Bridge will be moved to the east of the South Kingsway Overpass. A crosswalk will be installed to service the islands from both the south and north sides of the Queensway. To make this possible, TTC forces are required to remove the super elevated curve presently in place. The work will demand the levelling of the track for approximately 185 meters by raising the low rail to the same elevation as the high rail by manually tamping the area. The total estimated cost for this work is \$200,000.

JUSTIFICATION

The TTC Service Planning Department advocates in proceeding with the unbudgeted work to tamp and level the track area of the pedestrian crossing to meet the City's contracted scope of work. Failure to do so would not allow TTC patrons to utilise these newly relocated platforms and the newly constructed pedestrian crosswalk.

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