

Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting 9

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Markham By-pass - Morningside Avenue: Individual Environmental Assessment**City Council Decision**

City Council on October 22 and 23, 2007, adopted the following motions:

- A. City Council adopt the following position regarding the Markham By-pass – Morningside Avenue Link:
 1. City Council does not support the project being divided into three sections as proposed by the Provincial Development Facilitator;
 2. City Council will only support the releasing of Section 1, between Highway 407 and 9th Line, conditional upon:
 - a. York Region supporting the City's preferred alternative west of 9th Line, via 9th Line, Steeles Avenue and the new alignment of Morningside Avenue; and
 - b. York Region agreeing to evenly share with the City all costs related to improving and maintaining Steeles Avenue across the entire length of our boundary;
 3. City Council direct City Planning Division to secure the Morningside Avenue 36-metre right-of-way between Passmore Avenue and Steeles Avenue as part of the Plan of Subdivision process when processing development applications by Manulife Insurance Company and Tap-Steele Investment Ltd. in the Tapscott Employment District;
 4. **Steeles Avenue East between 9th Line and Markham Road be widened to four lanes, instead of the two lanes initially approved by City Council on June 14, 15 and 16, 2005, conditional upon York Region supporting the City's preferred alternative west of 9th Line, via 9th Line, Steeles Avenue and the new alignment of Morningside Avenue;**
 5. any bridges on Steeles Avenue East between 9th Line and Markham Road when reconstructed be widened to accommodate six lanes; **and**
 6. **City Council approve the installation of "No Left Turn" signs for the morning rush hour and "No Right Turn" signs for the evening rush hour at the intersections (i.e. Staines Road and Tapscott Road) located between 9th Line and Markham Road.**
- B. City Council request the Provincial Government, the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority, the Regional Municipalities of Durham and York, and the Town of Markham to consider the building of a GO line on the CP Havelock rail line, that runs north-east through the Morningside Heights community, east Markham, on towards the future town of Seaton, North Pickering, Uxbridge and Peterborough, in order to address the issue of transit grid-lock.
- C. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.