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YORK REGION TRANSPORTATION FACT BOOK

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, May 24 2005, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works and the Commissioner of Planning and Development Services:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council endorse the 2004 Transportation Fact Book (*Council Attachment 1*) and approve it for general distribution.
2. The Transportation Fact Book be made available for public distribution to local and adjacent municipalities, local Chambers of Commerce, stakeholder groups, public libraries and available for download on the corporate web site.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the Transportation Fact Book to Committee and Regional Council and request permission to make the report available for public distribution.

3. BACKGROUND

A broad range of data on road characteristics, road and transit usage, travel characteristics, and traffic safety is collected on a regular basis by the Transportation and Works Department. Some of this data is published in committee reports. However, most of the information is not readily accessible to other staff and the public. The Transportation Fact Book was written to provide a forum to publish general information and statistics about the transportation system in York Region and highlight the major aspects about the road and public transit infrastructure and commuter support services available in York Region.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

4.1 Objective of the Transportation Fact Book

The general objective the Transportation Fact Book is to capture the nature and use of the transportation system in York Region. Specifically, the Transportation Fact Book meets

several purposes. As a reference document, it gives an overview of York Region's transportation system components, an overview of system use and provides a context for monitoring the performance of the Regional road system. As a high level document, it will inform Regional Council, senior management, other Regional departments and the public of transportation services and programs available. Finally, the report serves to demonstrate the policy value of data collection, and the reliability and consistency of the data and collection methods.

A Council workshop on "Managing Transportation Congestion" was held on April 28, 2005. In the workshop, one key area that was highlighted was more communication of transportation initiatives to Regional Councillors. The Transportation Fact Book will become a regular component of this communication to Regional Councillors.

4.2 Organization

The Transportation Fact Book is organized into six sections. The Introduction provides a brief overview of the Fact Book and The Regional Municipality of York. Section 1 contains data on the hard and soft infrastructure of York Region's transportation system. Sections 2 through 4 describe the usage and demand on the transportation system. Finally, Section 5 provides some additional information on transportation contacts and provides direction to where readers can obtain more detailed information.

4.3 Update Frequency

This is the first edition of the Transportation Fact Book. It is recommended that the report be updated on a biennial basis.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for printing are available in the 2005 Transportation and Works budget. In addition to paper distribution, the report will be made available through the Region's website.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The Transportation Fact Book will be made available to other Regional departments, local municipalities, stakeholder groups, and the general public to provide a consolidated overview of transportation in the Region.

7. CONCLUSION

The Transportation Fact Book represents a valuable resource for Regional Council, staff and the general public. This first edition of the Transportation Fact Book, (and subsequent editions undertaken biennially), will establish a benchmark for a series of

reports that will provide an historical perspective of the nature and use of the transportation system in York Region. Each report will provide an overview of York Region's transportation system components and system use to provide a context for monitoring the performance of the Regional road system over time.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause is attached to this report.)