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VIVA MONTHLY REPORT

October 2007

The Rapid Transit Public/Private Partnership Steering Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report, October 3, 2007, from the Vice-President, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation:

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

2. PURPOSE

This report provides a comprehensive description of the activities of the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRTC) during September 2007, including progress on the design of Phase 2 rapidways, related communications activities, and major activities associated with the Yonge Street and Spadina subway.

3. BACKGROUND

Viva rapid transit runs today in mixed traffic in four key corridors. Funding announcements made in 2006 provided \$255 million for the capital construction of Viva Phase 2 - Stage 1 items, will result in the introduction of dedicated rights-of-way in the busiest corridors.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

A detailed outline of Phase 2 activities is provided in *Attachment 1*. The following highlights some of the more important accomplishments and milestones achieved during September.

The initial Phase 2 work programme is substantially complete

The preliminary engineering for the first surface segment of rapidway was substantially completed during September. This work provides for the design of the rapidway and stations on Yonge Street from Steeles Avenue to the Richmond Hill Centre (RHC).

Network Update Underway

Ridership demand work is underway and staff will provide a verbal update on the progress being made in testing the various network options at the committee meeting.

Approved Phase 1 capital enhancements work programme is progressing.

Design work is ongoing in consultation with York Roads and YRT. Implementation schedules are presently being developed, with the objective of having the new Vivastations on Yonge Street at Jefferson Sideroad, brought into operation in 2008.

Yonge street subway activity is progressing

The joint work program of McCormick Rankin and York Consortium 2002 (YC2002) has progressed over the month of September and a number of consultations with technical agencies are now set to occur in October.

Spadina subway work program is progressing on numerous fronts

A number of senior staff has been working on progressing the Spadina Subway project. These works include:

- Participating in the preparation of the Federal Building Canada Fund Business Case submission, including preparation of schedules and the development of a chapter dedicated to public private partnerships.
- Finalizing the terms of the Operating Memorandum of Understanding and Capital Cost Apportionment Agreement and Contribution Agreement and the preparation of the Federal Environmental Assessment.
- Finalizing the terms of reference for the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension Executive Task Force. In addition legal counsel and staff were involved in the mediation of Official Plan Amendment 620.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Viva is being closely coordinated with local planning and economic development activities along the rapid transit corridors.

7. CONCLUSION

Significant work was accomplished on Viva Phase 2, the Spadina subway extension and Yonge Street subway extension during September.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachments referred to in this clause were included in the agenda for the October 11, 2007 Committee meeting.)