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YORK REGION 2006 TRANSPORTATION FACT BOOK

The Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report dated August 24, 2007, from the Commissioner of Planning and Development Services and the General Manager, Roads:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council receive the 2006 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 2006 Transportation Fact Book to Committee and Regional Council, and request authorization to make the report available for public distribution.

3. BACKGROUND

A broad range of data on characteristics, road and transit usage, travel characteristics, and traffic safety are collected on a regular basis by the Planning and Economic Development Services Department and the Transportation and Works Department. Some data is published in various Committee reports. However, most 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.

This is the second in a series of reports that will provide a historical perspective of the nature and use of the transportation system in York Region. The first fact book provided 2004 data.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

4.1 Objective of the Transportation Fact Book

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

4.2 Organization of the Fact Book

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 placed on the transportation system. Finally, Section 5 provides some additional information on transportation contacts and channels to obtain more detailed information.

4.3 Update Frequency and New Information

This is the second edition of the Transportation Fact Book. The Fact Book report will be updated on a biennial basis.

The Transportation Fact Book will evolve over time with new information added in each subsequent report. For the 2006 report, the 10-Year Road Construction Program and historical road widening and resurfacing projects are included. In addition, planning context related to York Rapid Transit Plans and the Provincial and Federal funding announcements for the Spadina Subway Extension into York Region have been included in Section 1.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds for printing of the Fact Book are included in the 2007 Planning and Economic Development Services approved budget. In addition to paper distribution, the report will be made available through the Region's website.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The 2006 Transportation Fact Book will be made available to other Regional departments, local municipalities and stakeholder groups to provide a consolidated overview of transportation in the Region. Local municipalities can also use the data to assist in their planning activities and understanding the transportation needs of their communities.

7. CONCLUSION

The 2006 Transportation Fact Book represents a valuable resource for the Regional Council, staff and public. This second edition of the Transportation Fact Book (and subsequent editions undertaken biennially), is part of a series of reports that provides a historical perspective on the nature and use of the transportation system in the Region. Each report will provide an overview of the Region's transportation system components to help monitor and plan for future transportation needs.

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The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was updated at the September 5, 2007 Committee meeting and is attached to this report.)