

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

Planning and Economic Development Committee
March 2, 2011
Report of the
Commissioner of Planning and Development Services

407 TRANSITWAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROJECT UPDATE

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council support the 407 Transitway Environmental Assessment (from east of Highway 400 to Kennedy Road) subject to the satisfactory resolution of outstanding issues submitted by York Region, Town of Markham, and City of Vaughan, either through an amendment to the environmental assessment or during the project design phase.
2. A copy of this report be forwarded by the Regional Clerk to the Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of the Environment and the Clerks of the City of Vaughan, Town of Richmond Hill and Town of Markham.

2. PURPOSE

This report provides an update on the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario's plans for the 407 Transitway from East of Highway 400 to Kennedy Road.

3. BACKGROUND

Council referred the original report to Planning and Economic Development Committee for further consideration

At its meeting of February 17, 2011, Regional Council referred Clause 6, Report No. 2 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee entitled "407 Transitway Environmental Assessment Project Update" to the Committee's next meeting for further consideration. Based on discussions at the Council meeting, Regional staff have submitted a revised report for Committee's consideration. The original report is attached as Council Attachment 5 but for ease of reference the revisions are highlighted below:

- Recommendation 1 has been revised to specifically identify the need for MTO to address Regional and local municipal issues.



The Council of the Regional Municipality of York at its meeting on February 17, 2011, referred Clause No. 6 in Report No. 2 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee to the March 2, 2011 meeting of the Planning and Economic Development Committee for further consideration, with a request that a letter be sent to the Minister of the Environment requesting that he delay making a decision on this transit project assessment process pending Council's consideration of the further report from the Committee on March 24, 2011.

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PROJECT UPDATE**

The Planning and Economic Development Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report dated January 24, 2011 from the Commissioner of Planning and Development Services.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council endorse the 407 Transitway Environmental Assessment (from east of Highway 400 to Kennedy Road) submitted by the Ministry of Transportation in December 2010 with the expectation that the Region's staff comments will be addressed during the design phase of the project.
2. A copy of this report be forwarded by the Regional Clerk to the Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of the Environment and the Clerks of the City of Vaughan, Town of Richmond Hill and Town of Markham.

2. PURPOSE

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