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April 1, 2016



Re: Your request for access to information under Part 2 of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*: Application Number 16 03 181



On March 2, 2016, the City of Winnipeg received your request for access to the following records:

Briefing note prepared for CAO Doug McNeil titled "Eastern Rapid Transit Corridor", dated Oct 11, 2015

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to this record has been granted in part. In particular, access is granted with severing under s.23(1)(a)(f) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Advice to a public body

- 23(1) *The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal*
- (a) *advice, opinions, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for the public body or a minister;*
 - (f) *information, including the proposed plans, policies or projects of a public body, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in disclosure of a pending policy or budgetary decision.*

As required by subsection 7(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is excepted from disclosure and have provided you with as much information as possible. Severed portions contain information that, if disclosed, would reveal confidential proposals and proposed plans prepared by employees for the Chief Administrative Officer of the City.



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As you requested a copy of this record, and as it can reasonably be reproduced, in accordance with clause 14(1)(a) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, a copy of the record is enclosed.

Subsection 59(1) of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act provides that you may make a complaint about this decision to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have 60 days from the receipt of this letter to make a complaint on the prescribed form to:

Manitoba Ombudsman
750 - 500 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1
982-9130
1-800-665-0531

Sincerely,



Konrad Krahn
Access and Privacy Coordinator

Confidential Briefing Note

To: Doug McNeil, Chief Administrative Officer
From: Dave Wardrop, Director of Transit
Date: October 9, 2015
Re: Eastern Rapid Transit Corridor



Purpose

The purpose of this briefing note is to provide background information on the Eastern Rapid Transit Corridor, to provide the status of the project, and to provide context to the priority of the Eastern Corridor.

Background

The 2011 Transportation Master Plan, carried out as part of the OurWinnipeg master planning process, identified several rapid transit corridors for future consideration:

- Southwest (Graham Mall to the University of Manitoba)
- West (Portage & Main to Century)
- East (Graham Mall to Lagimodiere)
- North (Graham Mall to Burrows)
- Southeast (Nairn to Bishop Grandin)
- Northeast (Nairn to the Perimeter Highway)

Recent development and forecast development are expected to extend the reach of some of these corridors beyond what was envisioned in the 2011 Transportation Master Plan.

Eastern Rapid Transit Corridor

The Eastern Rapid Transit Corridor (ERTC) links downtown with Transcona using one of two potential alignments between downtown and Nairn Avenue – either South Point Douglas or North St. Boniface.

Council approval the 2011 Transportation Master Plan included the recommendation of the ERTC as the next phase of Rapid Transit following Stage 2 of the Southwest Transitway. Reasons for placing the ERTC as the next priority for Rapid Transit in Winnipeg include:

- The project offers the ability to coordinate planning and construction with other major projects and initiatives, e.g. the Louise Bridge replacement and the redevelopment of South Point Douglas.
- The project requires multimodal transportation analysis and design, as well as full integration with area land-use planning, in order to advance the goals of OurWinnipeg – Complete Communities and the Transportation Master Plan.
- There are high levels of ridership to and from eastern Winnipeg, including Elmwood and Transcona, with significant activity at nodes along the proposed route (including the Nairn/Regent mixed-use corridor, Kildonan Place Shopping Centre, and Crossroads Station).

- There is significant expected growth in ridership due to residential and commercial growth in East/North Kildonan and Transcona (including Devonshire Village, Crocus Meadows, Park City Plaza, and future development around Club Regent Casino).
- There is significant travel in both directions during peak periods on transit routes currently serving the corridor, i.e. commuters travelling both from Transcona to Downtown and from Downtown to Transcona. This is due in part to the large retail, commercial and industrial employment base along Nairn/Regent and in Transcona.
- Transit service currently experiences significant delays and travel-time variability due to buses operating in mixed traffic on Regent, Nairn, Higgins, and the Louise Bridge.
- Significant opportunities for infill redevelopment and Transit-Oriented Development exist along the corridor, especially in South Point Douglas.
- The project is a necessary step before the Northeast and Southeast corridors can proceed, as they both are expected to tie into the Eastern Corridor near Nairn & Watt and Archibald & Mission respectively.

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Other Phases of Rapid Transit

In addition to the current Stage 2 Southwest Transitway project, and the Eastern Rapid Transit Corridor, the 2011 Transportation Master Plan identifies the following additional phases of Rapid Transit:

- **Southeast** – from Nairn to Bishop Grandin along the CPR Emerson Subdivision (although it is expected that any studies would extend to the South Perimeter)
- **Northeast** – from Nairn to the North Perimeter along the former CPR Marconi Subdivision (now the Northeast Pioneers Greenway)
- **North** – from the Graham Avenue Transit Mall to Burrows

- **West** – from Portage & Main to Century

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