



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Changes to TTC Bus Routes for Renforth Gateway

Date:	May 18, 2017
To:	TTC Board
From:	Chief Executive Officer

Summary

The City of Mississauga, in partnership with Metrolinx, the Province of Ontario, and the Government of Canada, is building the Mississauga Transitway, an 18 km bus transitway with 12 stations. The project is in its final stages of construction. The eastern terminus, Renforth Gateway Station, is expected to be operational in September 2017. When the station opens, the TTC will extend the 32 EGLINTON WEST and 112 WEST MALL bus routes to serve the station to improve transfers to MiWay and GO Transit services thereby enhancing access to employment, educational and cultural opportunities throughout the region. Board approval is required to implement these routing changes.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the TTC Board:

1. Approve the implementation of the bus route changes detailed in this report, effective as soon as Renforth Gateway Station is available for use (currently anticipated as September 3, 2017);
2. Forward this report to Transportation Services and the affected City Councillors.

Financial Summary

The recommendations in this report will increase operating costs by approximately \$145,400 in 2017 or \$446,000 annually thereafter. The aforementioned costs are based on the additional bus service hours only. In addition, Metrolinx will charge TTC a portion of the maintenance and operating costs of the Renforth Gateway Station. These costs are not yet finalized by Metrolinx and the TTC.

The additional bus service hour requirements are already accounted for in the 2017 Service Budget and sufficient funding is included in the TTC's 2017 Operating Budget as approved by the TTC Board on November 21, 2016 and City Council on February 15, 2017. The incremental impact in 2018 was incorporated into the 2018 budget outlooks

and will be reflected in the proposed 2018 Operating Budget. There is no impact on capital costs.

The Chief Financial & Administration Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

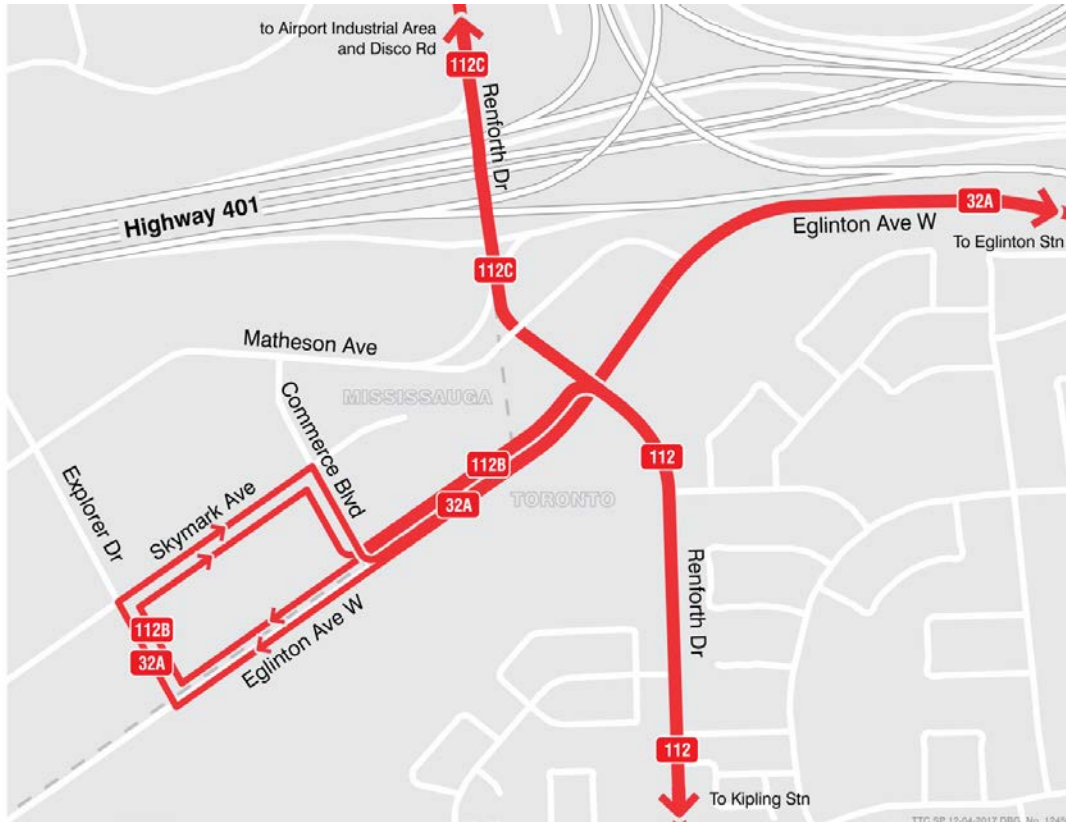
Accessibility/Equity Matters

Renforth Gateway will be an accessible station that provides customers with connections to regional transit partners at MiWay in Mississauga and at GO Transit. Improving connections to the regional transit network supports customers' journeys to opportunities and destinations beyond the City of Toronto. All TTC, MiWay, and GO Transits bus services are operated using accessible buses.

Comments

Renforth Gateway will be the eastern terminus for the Mississauga Transitway, an 18-km rapid busway between Winston Churchill Station, at Winston Churchill Boulevard and Highway 403, and Renforth Gateway at Eglinton Avenue West and Renforth Drive. The Mississauga Transitway project is being delivered by the City of Mississauga and by Metrolinx. Metrolinx is responsible for the Renforth Gateway Station portion of the project. Construction for the eight-bay station started in fall 2014 and is expected to be complete in fall 2017. The station will be served by TTC, MiWay, and GO Transit bus routes. **Exhibit 1** shows the TTC's existing services in the area.

Exhibit 1: Existing TTC services in the Renforth area



The routing of the TTC buses into Renforth Gateway will replace the previous off-street Renforth Loop, which was demolished for the construction of the station; and also replaces on-street routings that have been used during construction. The on-street routings are currently used by the 32A EGLINTON WEST (Eglinton Stn-Explorer/Skymark) and 112B WEST MALL (Kipling Stn-Explorer/Skymark) services. The existing 112C WEST MALL (Kipling Stn-Disco Rd) service operates only along Renforth Drive in this area.

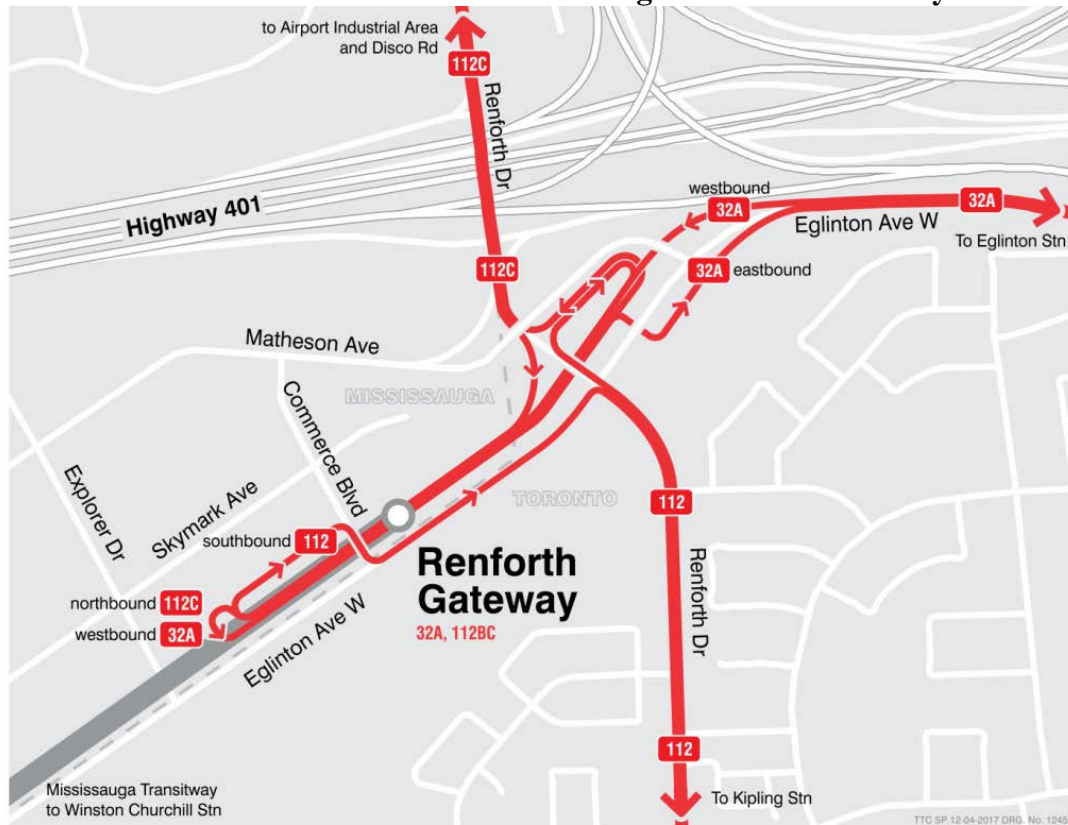
The station access roads and ramps were designed in consultation with the TTC, and provide excellent access for TTC buses to and from the station. The station is not a TTC project, but its use by the TTC is required in order to provide a satisfactory terminal location, and excellent connections with MiWay and GO services for customers.

The 32 EGLINTON WEST and 112 WEST MALL bus routes will be extended to connect with the bus station. Renforth Gateway will become the western terminus for the 32A EGLINTON WEST (Eglinton Stn-Renforth Gateway Stn) service and the northern terminus for the 112B WEST MALL (Kipling Stn-Renforth Gateway Stn) service. The 112C WEST MALL (Kipling Stn-Disco Rd via Renforth Gateway Stn) service will be extended to serve the station in both directions before continuing its regular routing.

Service levels and periods of operation on both routes will be largely unchanged.

The map in **Exhibit 2** shows the TTC's connections to Renforth Gateway and the Mississauga Transitway.

Exhibit 2: Recommended TTC services connecting to Renforth Gateway



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