



**For Action
with Confidential Attachment**

Christie Station Easier Access Phase III Property Acquisitions

Date: February 27, 2019
To: TTC Board
From: Chief Capital Officer

Reason for Confidential Information

This report is about a proposed or pending land acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes.

Summary

As part of the Easier Access Phase III project, the Toronto Transit Commission is proposing to construct two elevators at Christie Station to provide an accessible path from street level to each of the eastbound and westbound platforms on Line 2. In order to facilitate the Christie Station Easier Access Phase III project, various property rights need to be acquired.

Based on the current project plan, construction of the Christie Station Easier Access Phase III project is scheduled to begin in Q3 2020, with completion in 2023. In order to protect the project timeline, this report and Confidential Attachment seek the Board's authority to request City of Toronto to negotiate and acquire the required property interests.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the recommendations set out in the Attachment 1 – Confidential Information; and
2. Maintain confidentiality of the information set out in Attachment 1 – Confidential Information until such time as the agreement(s) are executed with all the property owners.

Financial Summary

An estimate of the cost to acquire the property necessary to complete the Christie Station Easier Access Phase III project is provided in the adjoining Attachment 1 – Confidential Information.

Sufficient funds for the project are included in the TTC's 2018-2027 Capital Budget and Plan under 3.9 Buildings & Structures, Easier Access III project. The approved budget is \$670M, with expenditures to date of \$229M.

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

Equity/Accessibility Matters

Acquisition of the subject lands supports the construction of the Christie Station Easier Access Phase III project, to make Christie Station accessible by providing a barrier free path from both subway platforms to street level.

Decision History

There are no earlier reports on this subject matter.

Issue Background

As part of the Easier Access Phase III project, the TTC is proposing to construct two elevators at Christie Station. Elevator 1, providing access from street level to the concourse and westbound platform levels, will be built adjacent to the existing entrance building located on the east side of Christie Avenue, north of Bloor Street. Elevator 2, providing access from the concourse level to the eastbound platform will be constructed below grade beneath the private laneway located behind a set of commercial properties fronting on Bloor Street West.

The property requirements to implement the new elevators are described and illustrated in Attachment 1 – Confidential Information.

The property requirements include a temporary easement, permanent easements and a fee simple acquisition. The temporary easement is required for construction purposes and will provide TTC with the right to enter, excavate and construct various elements of the project. Permanent easements will accommodate the underground elevator shafts, a sanitary sewer, and will also provide TTC the ability to access and maintain the infrastructure after it is constructed. The fee simple acquisition will enable TTC to construct and permanently house and maintain the surface portion of the elevator structure.

Comments

Construction of the project is planned to commence in Q3 of 2020.

In order to implement the project, the property interests outlined in the Confidential Attachment will be required prior to the commencement of construction.

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Attachments

Attachment 1 – Confidential Information