Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – March 1, 2006

REPORTS

Item No. 9 Rapid Transit Task Force Recommendations - Implementation Plan of Transit Improvements
File TT-8

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 22, 2006, Council amended Item 3 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated February 8, 2006, by adopting the following motion:

> WHEREAS Item 3 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated February 8, 2006, provides a comprehensive response to the detailed recommendations of the Rapid Transit Task Force for Council and addresses technical recommendations regarding route improvements, rapid transit planning and on-street improvements;
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> AND WHEREAS the Rapid Transit Task Force also made recommendations in Section 7 (pages 52-53) of its Report addressing policy proposals to improve transit service in Winnipeg through changes to policies regarding access, customer service, governance, development planning and linkage to economic development strategies, for which no response has yet been received;
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> AND WHEREAS Council and the Executive Policy Committee are best-placed to properly initiate discussions of changes in policy with respect to the recommendations in the Task Force Report;
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> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 7 of the Rapid Transit Task Force Report be referred to Executive Policy Committee and that the Executive Policy Committee report back to Council by June 28, 2006.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 22, 2006, Council amended the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the Implementation Plan of Transit Improvements, as shown in Table E2 contained in the administrative report dated January 30, 2006, be approved in principle as the first stage of implementation of the recommendations of the Rapid Transit Task Force.

2. That capital funding authorizations recommended in the Implementation Plan for each of the years 2006 – 2011 be referred to the Capital Budget review process in each of those years, including:

    A. That Federal Gas Tax revenues specified for transit purposes and to be transferred to the City in 2007, 2008, and 2009 under the auspices of the Canada – Manitoba Agreement of November 18, 2005 be allocated to those projects in the implementation plan identified to be funded by such revenues.

    B. That Federal Gas Tax revenues specified for transit purposes and to be transferred to the City in 2006 and 2007 under auspices of Federal Bill C-66 be allocated to those projects in the implementation plan identified to be funded by such revenues.

    C. That Innovative Transit Program funding in each year be allocated to those projects in the implementation plan identified to be funded by the Innovative Transit Program.

3. That subject to approval of the proposed "Articulated Electric Hybrid Buses" project in the City's 2006 Capital Budget and the completion of an agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) for funding assistance through the Green Municipal Funds program, Federal Gas Tax revenues specified for transit purposes and to be transferred to the City in 2006 and 2007 under the auspices of Federal Bill C-66 be approved to prepay the savings-based and low-interest FCM loans at the earliest opportunity.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COUNCIL DECISION (continued)

4. That any changes in operating costs resulting from transit projects approved in the Capital Budget process for each of the years 2006 – 2011 be referred to the Operating Budget review process in each of those years.

5. That the Council Decision of July 23, 2003, to provide the Director of Planning, Property and Development with authorization "to negotiate such property acquisitions as the Transit Department through its Consultants may identify for completion of Stage 1 of the Southwestern Corridor and Stage 1 of the Eastern Corridor . . . and to report back with the results thereon", be amended to extend that authority to include property acquisitions identified by the Transit Department for Stage 2 of the Southwestern Corridor and Stage 2 of the Eastern Corridor.

6. That Section 7 of the Rapid Transit Task Force Report dated September 2005 be referred to the Executive Policy Committee for report back to Council by June 28, 2006.

7. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.