Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – June 4, 2008

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Item No. 2 Disraeli Bridge and Overpass Rehabilitation Project – Provincial Funding
File SB-3

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 26, 2008, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, as amended, and recommends to the Executive Policy Committee to call on Premier Doer to immediately make the Rehabilitation of the Disraeli Bridge and Overpass a priority and contribute funding to facilitate a twin 6-lane bridge system.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 26, 2008, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, with the following amendment:

- after the words "make the Rehabilitation of the Disraeli Bridge and Overpass a priority and contribute" delete the words "the necessary",

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 12, 2008, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended that the following motion be forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works for consideration, namely:

> WHEREAS the proposed Disraeli Bridge and Overpass Rehabilitation Project is costing the City of Winnipeg and its taxpayers $125 million to $160 million depending on the option chosen by Council;
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> AND WHEREAS none of the options present the opportunity for a twin 6-lane bridge system;
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> AND WHEREAS it is estimated that the cost of a twin 6-lane bridge option could be constructed for $250 million to $350 million;
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> AND WHEREAS the advantage of a twin 6-lane bridge would allow for future growth in the City and surrounding Capital Region;
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> AND WHEREAS a twin 6-lane bridge option could also accommodate two dedicated lanes for bus rapid transit;
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> AND WHEREAS thus far the entire cost of this proposed Disraeli Bridge and Overpass Rehabilitation Project is being borne by the taxpayers of Winnipeg and more specifically without any substantial contribution from the Doer Government;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

> AND WHEREAS Winnipeg continues to receive less than its per capita portion of gas tax revenues and has very little support for major regional roads, as other Manitoba jurisdictions receive;
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> AND WHEREAS the Province shares in the responsibility for managing the growth and development of the Capital Region, as well as having declared Rapid Transit a priority in the recently published climate change document - the Province should pay an equal if not greater role in the rehabilitation of the Disraeli Bridge and Overpass;
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> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee calls on Premier Doer to immediately make the Rehabilitation of the Disraeli Bridge and Overpass a priority and contribute the necessary funding to facilitate a twin 6-lane bridge system.