EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 497
Moved by Councillor Browaty,
Seconded by Councillor Fielding

WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg has identified significant infrastructure funding shortfalls resulting in very poor road conditions and significant delays on the arterial road network throughout the City;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg needs strategic infrastructure improvements and new infrastructure to support population growth already experienced and projected in OurWinnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the future opportunity to relocate major rail facilities to CentrePort Canada provides opportunities to repurpose current rail right-of-ways, including overpasses along key corridors, for Rapid Transit;

AND WHEREAS the relocation of major rail lines also provides opportunity to improve safety to residents throughout the City while the amounts of dangerous good transported by rail continues to grow;

AND WHEREAS a non-binding plebiscite would give Winnipeggers an opportunity to become involved and engaged in one of the most significant spending decisions faced by a Winnipeg Council in decades;

AND WHEREAS taxpayers should have the right to be heard directly on a matter this significant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Clerk be ordered to add the following non-binding plebiscite question to the October 22, 2014 civic election ballot:

“Do you support the spending of $590 million on the Capital Integration Project (Phase 2 Bus Rapid Transit to University of Manitoba/Jubilee Underpass Expansion) while current regional street renewal budgets remain significantly under-funded and the following major projects remain unfunded:

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Kenaston Widening, Ness to Taylor	– $129 million
Marion Widening and Grade Separations, Archibald to Lagimodiere	- $70 million
Louise Bridge Replacement	- $100 million
Arlington Bridge Replacement	TBD
William R. Clement Parkway, Grant to Wilkes	- $60 million
St. Mary's widening, St. Anne's to Marion	- $60 million
Waverley Underpass	- $150 million
Chief Peguis Trail Extension, Main to McPhillips	- $100 million;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that future City councils strongly consider the outcome of the plebiscite in making future capital budget decisions;

AND THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that future City councils works with the provincial and federal governments and the major railways to look at opportunities to relocate rail lines to CentrePort Canada.

Required to Stand as Notice of Motion
in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the
Procedure By-law