Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – December 1, 2004

REPORTS

Minute No. 53 Rapid Transit Task Force – Approval of Funding Support
File TT-5.1

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the administrative recommendation and recommends to Council:

1. That up to $220,000.00 from available funds in the 2001 Southwest Corridor Capital Project be approved to support the Rapid Transit Task Force that was established by Council on September 29, 2004.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,

That the administrative recommendation be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

COUNCIL:

On September 29, 2004, Council adopted the following:

1. That the re-allocation of $43 million from the Funding Agreement be approved, in principle, toward community recreation and leisure facility projects that are eligible under Federal Infrastructure Programs, in accordance with the process for fund allocation to be informed by the current Public Use Facility Study process, and direct the Chief Administrative Officer and the Executive Policy Committee Secretariat to report to Council through the Executive Policy Committee with a plan for the allocation of the funds.

2. That the allocation of $7.5 million from the Funding Agreement be approved toward transit modernization initiatives, and that the Transit Department submit these proposed improvements to Council and also pursue funding for transit modernization from other sources, including the Green Municipal Funds Program and Transport Canada.

3. That Executive Policy Committee Secretariat be directed to pursue a funding agreement with the Federal and Provincial governments to formally identify eligible projects and funding particulars for Council approval.

4. That the establishment of a Rapid Transit Task Force ("Task Force") be endorsed, consisting of members of Council to be appointed by the Mayor, to report to the Executive Policy Committee by no later than June 2005 on various rapid transit options for Winnipeg ("the study"), with analysis of relative costs and benefits, to consult with the public and to develop and recommend a long-term funding plan to support the full implementation of a rapid transit system which plan should include strategies for obtaining combined financial contributions from other governments and/or private partners of no less than 67% of the total system cost over a period of years.

5. That the Task Force return to the Executive Policy Committee for direction with respect to budgetary requirements and contracting procedures in connection with the study, and that monies for the study be found from the approved unexpended capital budget for rapid transit.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

6. That the Executive Policy Committee forward the Task Force Report and its own recommendations to Council for final approval.

RE: Rapid Transit Task Force - Approval of Funding Support

FOR SUBMISSION TO: Executive Policy Committee

ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY: Chair, Rapid Transit Task Force

REPORT DATE: Friday, November 26, 2004

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. **That up to $220,000 from available funds in the 2001 Southwest Corridor Capital Project be approved to support the Rapid Transit Task Force that was established by Council on September 29, 2004.**

Report Summary

Key Issues:

- On September 29, 2004, Council approved the establishment of a Rapid Transit Task Force, consisting of members of Council appointed by the Mayor, to report to the Executive Policy Committee by no later than June 2005, on various rapid transit options for Winnipeg.
- On September 22, 2004, Executive Policy Committee directed the Task Force to return to EPC for direction with respect to budgetary requirements and contracting procedures in connection with the study.
- The EPC motion from September 22, 2004 also directed that " monies for the study be found from the approved unexpended capital budget for rapid transit."
- The report recommends that available funds from the 2001 Southwest Corridor Capital Project be approved to support the Rapid Transit Task Force.

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General Implications

X None

☐ For the organization overall and/or for other departments

☐ For the community and/or organizations external to the City

☐ Involves a multi-year contract

Comment(s):

Policy implications

X No

☐ Yes

Comment(s):

Environmental implications

X No

☐ Yes

Comment(s):

Human Resources implications

X No

☐ Yes

Comment(s):

Financial Implications

X Within approved current and/or capital budget

☐ Current and/or capital budget adjustment required

Comment:

Report

REASON FOR THE REPORT:

- On September 22, 2004, Executive Policy Committee directed the Rapid Transit Task Force to return to EPC "for direction with respect to budgetary requirements and contracting procedures" in connection with the study. The EPC motion further directed that " monies for the study be found from the approved unexpended capital budget for rapid transit."

HISTORY:

- On September 29, 2004, Council approved the establishment of a Rapid Transit Task Force, consisting of members of Council appointed by the Mayor, to report to the Executive Policy Committee by no later than June 2005, on various rapid transit options for Winnipeg.

DISCUSSION:

The approved Council motion supporting the establishment of a Rapid Transit Task Force states that the primary tasks of the task force are:

- To report on "various rapid transit options for Winnipeg;"
- To provide an analysis of the "relative costs and benefits;"
- To "consult with the public;"
- To recommend "a long-term funding plan to support the full implementation of a rapid transit system" in Winnipeg.

The Task Force will consist of three Council members:

Chair: Councillor Russ Wyatt
Member: Councillor Jenny Gerbasi
Member: Councillor Mike Pagtakhan

supported by a six-person Advisory Council:

Dr. Jino Distasio	Sandy Hopkins
John Mann	Deborah Goodfellow
Russ Malkoske	Dr. Barry Prentice

In addition, the Task Force has retained the McGowan Russell Group to provide project coordination services, the IBI Group to provide technical support, and BDO Corporate Finance Inc. to provide financial analysis. The EPC Secretariat will provide operational and logistical support to the Task Force and the CAO Secretariat will serve as the liaison with the administration.

The total budget for the Task Force is $220,000 to cover administrative, communication, consultant services, public engagement, printing, and technical support costs. It is recommended that available funds from the 2001 Southwest Corridor Capital Project be used to support the Rapid Transit Task Force.

Council has directed the Task Force to report back no later than June 2005 and to provide interim reports as necessary.

Project Name: Rapid Transit Task Force **First Year of Program: 2004**

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 220,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	220,000	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Enter Description Here	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs: Debt & Finance Charges	$ -	$ 53,656	$ 53,656	$ 53,656	$ 53,656
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ 53,656	$ 53,656	$ 53,656	$ 53,656
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	53,656	53,656	53,656	53,656
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments:

a.) Up to $220,000 from funds available from the Southwest Corridor Capital Project has been identified to support the Rapid Transit Task Force.

b.) A 3% charge for interest and administrative expenses is applicable on capital expenditure.

c.) The direct costs noted above reflect anticipated internal financing, calculated at an interest rate of 7% per annum over 5 years.

(Original signed by R. Abeysekera)
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Corporate Services Dept.

IN PREPARING THIS REPORT THERE WAS CONSULTATION WITH, AND CONCURRENCE BY:
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