Report "A" – Executive Policy Committee – December 8, 2004

Item No. 1 Rapid Transit Task Force
File TT-5.1

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 8, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following to Council:

1. That the October 27, 2004 Council Motion pertaining to the Rapid Transit Task Force be filed, inasmuch as the Task Force has been created, Objectives and a Target Workplan have been established, and Councillors Wyatt, Pagtakhan and Gerbasi along with a six-person Advisory Council have been appointed.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 8, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee recommended that the October 27, 2004 Council Motion pertaining to the Rapid Transit Task Force be filed, inasmuch as the Task Force has been created, Objectives and a Target Workplan have been established, and Councillors Wyatt, Pagtakhan and Gerbasi along with a six-person Advisory Council have been appointed, and submitted the matter to Council.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 18, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee referred the October 27, 2004 Council Motion to the Rapid Transit Task Force for consideration during the development of the Task Force's terms of reference, and report back to the Executive Policy Committee.

On November 18, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee received from Jeff Lowe a presentation entitled "Salvaging rapid transit: rail to the rescue" with respect to the October 27, 2004 Council Motion regarding the Rapid Transit Task Force.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On October 27, 2004, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Councillor Benham,

WHEREAS at its meeting of September 29, 2004, Council adopted Item 5 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 22, 2004 regarding Rapid Transit;

AND WHEREAS Recommendation 4 of said Item called for the establishment of a Rapid Transit Task Force consisting of members of Council to be appointed by the Mayor, with the task force to report to the Executive Policy Committee by no later than June 2005 on various rapid transit options for Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS there is a need for public participation and input into this process;

AND WHEREAS the future direction of the transit system is at stake based on the report of the Task Force;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. City-wide public hearings be undertaken by the Rapid Transit Task Force to hear concerns of the public, with at least one hearing to take place in each electoral ward.

2. Membership of the committee be broadened to include groups representing University and College Students, Downtown Business Organizations, Seniors Groups, Winnipeg Transit Employees, Low Income Persons and Persons with Disabilities.

3. A proposed budget for the Rapid Transit Task Force be approved by Council prior to any expenditure of the Task Force's budget.