

**YORK RAPID TRANSIT PLAN
PRESENTATION OF STATUS REPORT ON THE "QUICK START" PROGRAM**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends that:

The presentation on the status of the York Rapid Transit Plan's "Quick Start" program BE RECEIVED for information purposes.

Purpose

To receive the presentation on the status of the York Rapid Transit Plan's "Quick Start" program.

Background - Analysis and Options

The implementation of the York Rapid Transit Plan is currently in progress. It proposes that rapid transit (initially Bus Rapid Transit) be provided in four major corridors in York Region, three of which affect the City of Vaughan. Vaughan's corridors include Yonge Street, Highway 7 and the north-south link from the Vaughan Corporate Centre to York University.

The Environmental Assessments for the corridors are now underway. However, it will still take some time to obtain the necessary approvals and to complete the design and construction of the system. One of the premises of the York Rapid Transit Plan is that be resources devoted to transit early-on, while the overall system is being planned, designed and constructed. This will encourage more people to use transit and build the ridership base for the full rapid transit system. The result is the "Quick Start" program.

The intent of "Quick Start" is to improve transit services in the short term (2004-2006). It will define routes, proposed station sites, park and ride facilities, service levels and will provide for the use of innovative technologies that give greater priority to transit vehicles and that provide for more efficient system operations.

Conclusion

The presentation at this meeting will provide Committee with an update on the status of the "Quick Start" program in the context of the overall York Rapid Transit Plan. It is recommended that the presentation on the "Quick Start" program by staff from the York Region Rapid Transit Plan be received for information purposes.

Attachments

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