

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION) MARCH 19, 2002**

**STATUS OF REGION OF YORK TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES  
PRESENTATION BY REGIONAL STAFF:  
YORK REGION TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN  
YONGE STREET AND HIGHWAY 7 TRANSITWAY STUDIES  
YORK REGION RAPID TRANSIT PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

That the presentation by Staff of the Region of York Transportation and Works Department, in respect of the York Region Transportation Master Plan, the Yonge Street and Highway 7 Transitway Studies and the York Region Rapid Transit Public-Private Partnership Initiative, BE RECEIVED for information purposes.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the presentation by Regional Staff is to keep Council apprised of a number of important transportation initiatives that are currently being undertaken by the Region of York.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

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The Region of York has a number of concurrent transportation studies underway which will shape the planning and future growth of the Region and its Local Municipalities. The work is inter-related and in order to provide Council with a comprehensive overview, Regional Staff have been invited to give a presentation on the purpose and status of each of the projects.

The projects in question are the York Region Transportation Master Plan, which will provide direction on public transit and road network improvements to the year 2031; the Yonge Street and Highway 7 Transitway Studies which will lead to the approval of Terms of Reference for Individual Environmental Assessments for transit improvements in both corridors; and the York Region Rapid Transit Public-Private Partnership initiative, which is seeking a private sector partner which will potentially assist in the planning, financing, design and construction of a York Region Rapid Transit System.

City Staff have been working closely with the Region on these undertakings. Staff have been on various Technical Advisory Committees and the City is represented at both the political and technical levels in respect of the Public-Private Partnership initiative. The presentation offers an opportunity to update Council on their status and place the work in a more comprehensive framework.

**Conclusion**

The presentation by Regional Staff will provide Council with an update on the status of the Region's transportation initiatives and therefore it is recommended that Council receive the presentation for information purposes.

**Attachments**

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