

**INCLUSION OF TESTON ROAD PROJECT IN THE YORK-PEEL FEEDERMAIN DESIGN – BUILD CONTRACT – REGION OF YORK**

**Recommendation**

Mayor Michael Di Biase recommends that:

This report be received.

**Purpose**

To provide a status update of the Region's intention to include the Teston Road project in the York-Peel Feedermain Design – Build Contract.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The Regional Commissioner of Transportation and Works recommended in a report dated January 31, 2003 road improvements to sections of Teston Road as well as including the new Highway 400 interchange at Teston Road, in conjunction with the construction of York-Peel Feedermain to the Regional Water reservoir located at Teston Road and Keele Street (Pressure District #6 Reservoir). A copy of the detailed report is available in the Clerk's Department. The Regional Transportation and Works Committee approved the recommendations of the Commissioner on February 5, 2003. The Committee's recommendation will proceed to Regional Council for approval on February 20, 2003.

Briefly the report recommends:

- a) Regional Council authorize the inclusion of the design and construction of the Teston Road improvements between Jane Street and Keele Street within the design-build contract for the York-Peel Feedermain subject to the approval of the Class Environmental Assessment for Teston Road and the availability of required property to accommodate the proposed road improvements.
- b) Regional Council authorize the inclusion of Teston Road improvements between Weston Road and Keele Street, including the proposed Highway 400 interchange, within the Ten-Year Capital Plan for detail design to start in 2003, and construction to start in 2004 immediately following the completion of the design-build contract within this area.
- c) Regional Council direct staff to continue discussions with City of Vaughan staff and developers regarding the front-end financing of the construction of Weston Road between Major Mackenzie Drive and Teston Road to coincide with the development of the adjacent Block 33 West lands.
- d) Regional Council endorse the draft Class Environmental Assessment recommended alternative of "Do Nothing" for the section of Teston Road between Keele Street and Dufferin Street and direct staff to delete this project from the Ten-year Roads Capital Program.
- e) The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Ministry of Transportation and to the Office of the Clerk of the City of Vaughan.
- f) Regional staff be authorized to initiate the process to acquire all lands required for the Teston Road improvement project.

Members of Council are aware the Region has commenced construction of the feedermain along sections of Rutherford Road. The Region's entire feedermain project will be completed by the end of 2004. Outlined below is the Region's York-Peel Feedermain and Teston Road improvements proposed milestones.

<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
Issue York-Peel Feedermain Design-Build RFP	Late February 2003
File Teston Road Class EA	Late February 2003
Potential Teston Road Class EA clearance	Early April 2003
Receive York-Peel Feedermain Design-Build Proposals	Late April 2003
Start Teston Road, Weston to Jane and Interchange Detail Design	May 2003
Award York-Peel Design-Build Contract	June 2003
Start York-Peel Feedermain Construction	July 2003
Start Construction of Teston, Weston to Jane (inc. Interchange)	mid 2004
Complete York-Peel Feedermain Construction	December 2004
Complete Teston Road, Jane to Keele Street construction	2005
Complete Teston Road, Weston to Jane construction	2005

It is noted that: The milestones for the Teston Road improvements are contingent on securing Class EA approval by April, 2003. Furthermore the recommendations by the Regional Transportation and Works Committee include the following construction advancements for Teston Road as follows:

#### Teston Road Project

<u>Improvement</u>	<u>Program Year in In Draft 2003 Capital Plan</u>	<u>New Recommended Program Year</u>
Teston Rd., Jane St. to Keele St.	2007	2004
Teston Rd., Weston to Jane St.	2008	2004
Teston Rd., Hwy. 400 Interchange	2009	2004

Regional Staff has also begun reviewing opportunities to advance the construction of Weston Road between Major Mackenzie Drive and Teston Road using front-end financing arrangements.

#### **Conclusion**

The recommendations of the Regional Transportation and Works Committee for consideration by Regional Council on February 20, 2003 to include the Teston Road project in the York-Peel Feedermain design-build contract provide for the construction of key infrastructure needs for both the Region and the City. From a Regional perspective it improves water capacity and the Regional Road network for future growth in the area. From the City's perspective, advancement of the transportation improvements within Urban Village 1 will provide Council with a basis when considering Block Plans and Plans of Subdivision approvals in a timely fashion so that when residents move into these areas transportation improvements are in place.

#### **Attachments**

None

Respectfully submitted,

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Mayor