

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

WALKWAY FROM MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE TO STATION STREET IN MAPLE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

THAT the following report BE RECEIVED for information purposes.

Economic Impact

There are no requirements for new funding associated with this report.

Purpose

This report has been prepared to inform Council on the progress towards the design and construction of a pedestrian walkway access from the sidewalk on the north side of Major Mackenzie Drive to the southern end of Station Street in Maple.

Background - Analysis and Options

On May 8, 2006, Council adopted the following resolution:

“That staff be directed to enter into discussions with GO Transit Staff to request that they complete the design and construction of the stair access from Major Mackenzie Drive to Station Street (Maple GO Transit Station) to the satisfaction of the City.”

In 2003, GO Transit renovated the historic station located in the Village of Maple core area on Station Street, a north-south street approximately 0.5 kilometres east of Keele Street, as shown on Attachment #1. Station Street does not intersect Major Mackenzie Drive due to a 7m grade difference between the two streets. Pedestrian and vehicular access to the station is only possible on the east side of the railway as at-grade track crossings are not provided east to west in the area. Vehicular access to the station is by way of Hill Street from Major Mackenzie Drive; however, there is no formal pedestrian route from Major Mackenzie Drive to the station. Pedestrians have created a desire path from the sidewalk on the north side of Major Mackenzie Drive up a slope on the east side of the railway overpass to Station Street, which is the most direct route possible.

The Development Planning Department has successfully negotiated with GO Transit for it to undertake the design, construction and contract administration of the stair access from Major Mackenzie Drive to Station Street (Maple GO Transit Station). The cost of the project will be borne by Go Transit. To this end, GO Transit has hired Phillips Engineering Ltd., which has prepared preliminary working drawings, as shown on Attachments #2 and #3.

At the request of Development Planning Department, GO Transit has agreed to co-ordinate the design of the staircase with the enhanced streetscape design work envisioned by the Council approved document “*Village of Maple Streetscape – A Master Landscape Plan & Design Study (April 2003)*” and in keeping with the heritage character of the Maple GO Station. The staircase will have Village of Maple-themed lamp standards, a trash receptacle, and decorative paving and railings.

The anticipated construction completion of the stairs and related work is December 2006.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities set forth in Vaughan Vision 2007, specifically 'A-5', "Plan and Manage Growth".

Conclusion

This report provides Council with the status of the GO Transit-financed enhanced pedestrian staircase that will be integrated with the pedestrian system linking the GO Station to the Civic Centre.

Attachments

1. Location Map
2. Maple GO Station Concrete Stair Addition (Plan and Section)
3. Maple GO Station Concrete Stair Addition (Details)

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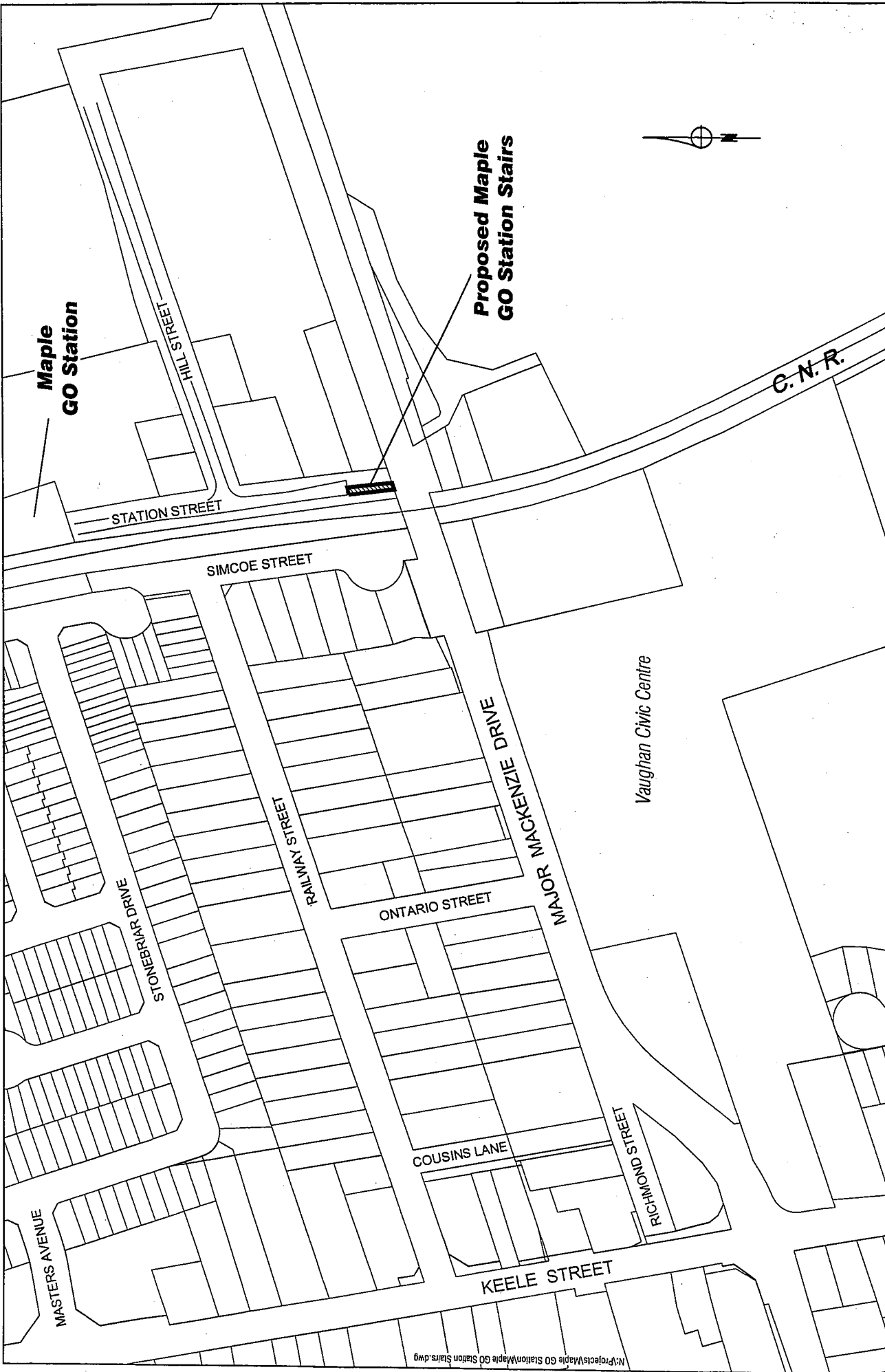
Respectfully submitted,

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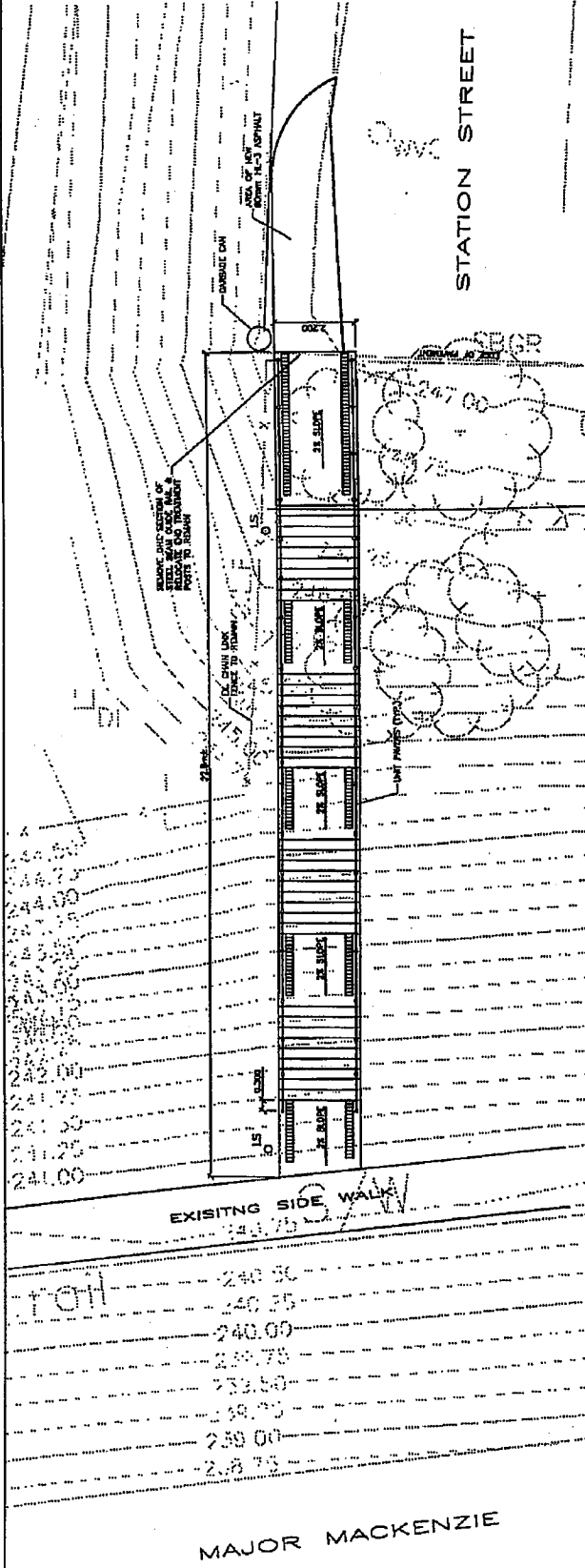
Location Map

Maple GO Station Stairs

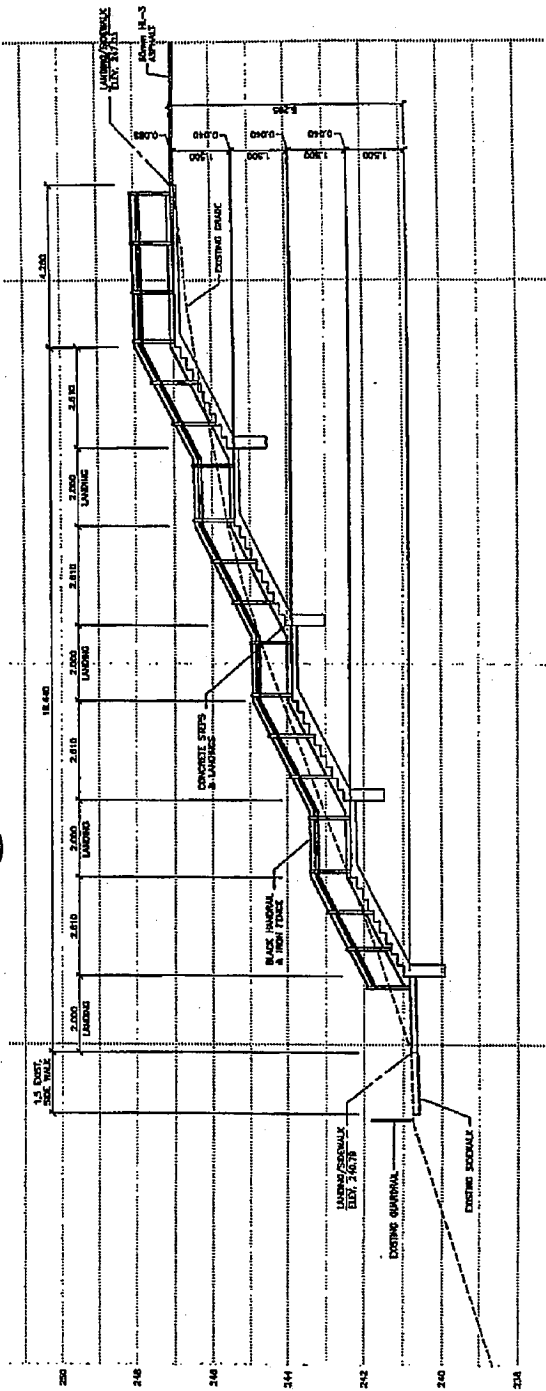
Attachment 1

File: Maple GO Station
 Date: September 07, 2006

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GENERAL ARRANGEMENT - CONCRETE STAIR
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



STAIR PROFILE

Plan and Section Maple GO Station Stairs



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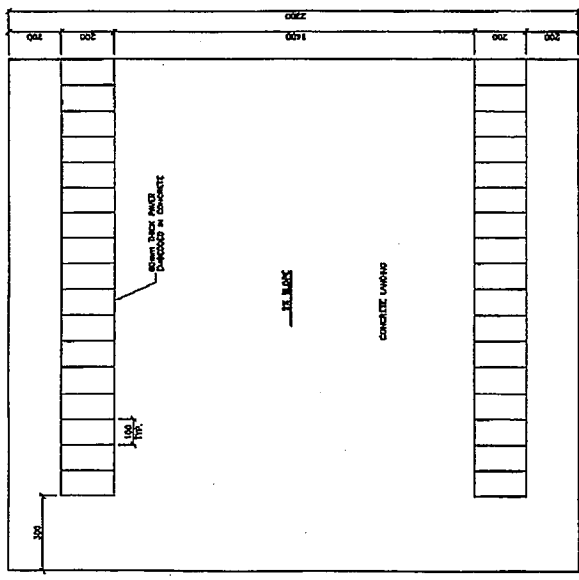
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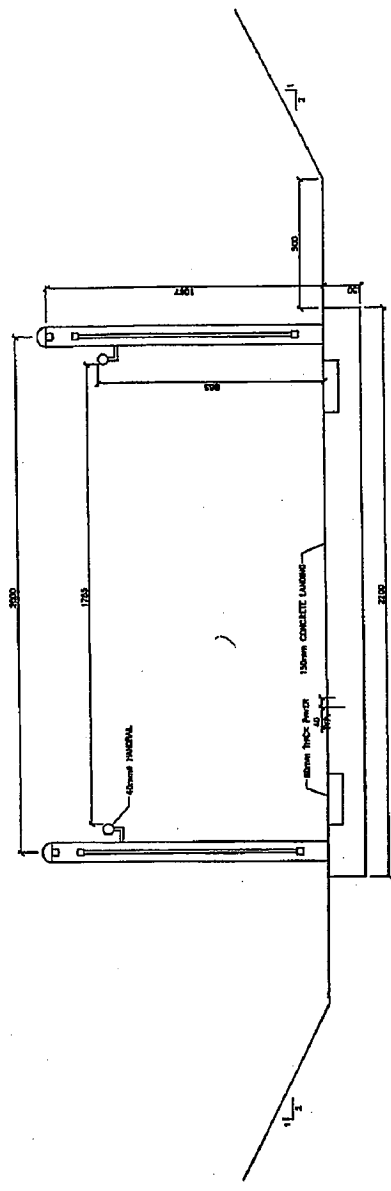
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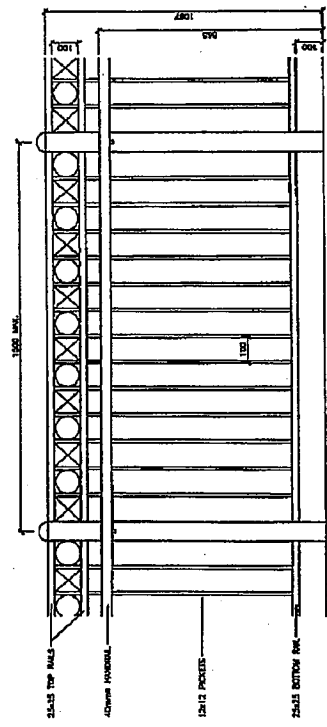
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TYPICAL LANDING DETAIL
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TYPICAL LANDING SECTION
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