

To All Commissioners

Re: **2016 Work Program – Transportation & Planning - Third Quarter Update**

**Recommendation**

The report be NOTED and FILED.

**Background**

The following report is provided as an update on major Transportation & Planning projects as set out in the 2016 Work Program that are ongoing in nature and/or were scheduled to commence and/or be completed over the first nine months of 2016, with the lead on same being the primary responsibility of Transportation & Planning.

*2016 Conventional Service Plan*

The 2016 Service Plan was implemented on September 4, 2016 as planned. Given the number of changes associated with the 2016 service plan, the plan has been well received. There are a couple of 'hot spots' in terms of concerns with some of the changes which have been identified and discussed in more detail in the Draft 2017 service plan report (see Staff Report #1, dated October 26, 2016)

*2016 Shelter Program*

At the September 28, 2016 meeting, the Commission approved several new alternative sites in order to complete the 2016 shelter program. All City approvals have been received and cement pads are being poured. The two new shelter locations will not have the shelters installed until early 2017 to coincide with the rollout of the shelter replacement program.

**Shelter Replacement Program**

At the June 29, 2016 meeting, the Commission accepted the bid submission from Daytech Industries for the removal and replacement of the current 380 conventional transit passenger shelter stock including the addition of solar lighting in all non-advertising shelters. As directed by the Commission, a contract with Daytech has been executed. Subsequent to contract completion, this program was identified as a potential for partial funding under the Federal Transit Infrastructure Program, which, if approved, would provide 50% of funding, and provide for the program to be completed by March 2018, versus the planned seven year rollout set out in the contract. The contractor has confirmed their ability to fast-track this program and complete it by the March 31, 2018 deadline. Following the confirmation of whether the program has been approved for federal funding and fast-tracking, a schedule will be established for the roll-out, noting either way, it is anticipated that the shelter replacement program will begin in January 2017.

*Shift Initiative*

London Transit administration continues to work with civic administration on the Shift Initiative in terms of the submission of the Business Case to the Provincial Government and any questions resulting from same. Recent work of the Steering Committee has centered on urban design along the corridors and working through some of the details associated with station location and design issues.

*Downtown Parking Study*

The City of London is undertaking a Downtown Parking Strategy Study with the assistance of the BA Group Consulting firm. London Transit administration, as a stakeholder, has provided comments to the City with respect to the parking strategy from a transit perspective, namely that the location, supply and pricing of parking in the downtown can have significant impacts on the transit mode share. The Commission will be updated as the study progresses.

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