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TO: Mayor and Members of Council

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RE: COMMUNICATION – Council Meeting – April 23, 2025

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METROLINX INITIATIVES UPDATE – Q1 2025

Metrolinx Activities Update – April 2025

On April 8, 2025, staff provided the [Metrolinx Initiatives Update – Q1 2025](#) and inadvertently included a Report Highlight without the background from the November 12, 2024 report: *Due to a lack of project funding, Metrolinx is suspending further work on the Queen Street and Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transit planning process.* Consequently, the necessary contextual information for this Report Highlight was not in the report and has caused confusion with respect to the project status.

On Monday, April 14, 2025, Metrolinx held a municipal stakeholder meeting to provide an update on the Final Results of the Queen Street-Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transit (QS7 BRT) Business Case and discuss next steps.

Metrolinx has provided an amended update:

- The Business Case Report for the Queen Street and Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transit project has been drafted in consultation with the municipal partners. Once Metrolinx internal approvals are received, the Business Case Report will be shared with the province to inform next steps.

Previous Correspondence

Metrolinx Activities Update - November 2024

On November 12, 2024, staff provided an update on the QS7 BRT project through the [Metrolinx Initiatives Update – Q4 2024](#). That update included the following information:

The Queen Street-Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transit (QS7 BRT) project is a proposed rapid transit line in the cities of Brampton and Vaughan. The project's study area covers a 24-kilometre corridor along Queen Street and Highway 7, which would create a crucial east-to-west transit spine connecting the northwest and northcentral sections of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).

As a review agency and directly affected municipality with vested interest in shaping its future mobility and managing its growth, the City worked with Metrolinx to confirm the short list of planning and design concepts for Highway 7 between Wigwoss Drive to Kipling Avenue.

Staff have been participating in workshops held by Metrolinx to confirm the shortlist of planning/design concepts to be taken forward for each segment of the corridor and the addition of general-purpose traffic lanes has been requested by the City. to be incorporated into the corridor design. Project working group meetings were held throughout 2024.

Metrolinx has communicated to the municipalities involved that the QS7 BRT project is not planned to proceed beyond the current scope of work. The efforts undertaken thus far are crucial as they lay the foundational groundwork necessary to support BRT within the designated study corridor. However, due to the current lack of funding for this project, it is deemed premature to advance the work towards identifying a preferred alternative and achieving a 30% design completion.

Staff will continue to collaborate with Metrolinx and are awaiting formal confirmation regarding the conclusion of the study. In parallel, staff continue to prepare a request for proposal (RFP) for the Environmental Assessment study supporting the widening of Highway 7 between Islington Avenue and Kipling Avenue.

Metrolinx has not corrected the accuracy of the November 12, 2024 Metrolinx Initiatives – Q4 2024 report.

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Respectfully submitted by

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