LTC Long Term Growth Report Working Group

Committee Orientation
March 12, 2015
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• In response to City of London’s 2004 Transportation Master Plan directive to recommend where, when and how improvements to transit service could be made in order to move toward achieving the transit mode share target, LTC adopted the Long Term Growth Strategy (LTGS), calling for a move to rapid transit based on a nodes and corridors model

• LTGS shared with Municipal Council through Environment & Transportation Committee
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- LTC Long Term Growth Report Working Group is formed to ensure consistency and connectivity in the actions related to the LTC Long Term Growth Strategy and the City’s Strategic Plan, Official Plan and Financial Plan, in support of a sustainable transportation system

- Key priorities to ensure that requirements for access to senior level gov’t funding were met (transit supportive official plan, TMP with transit playing a key role, local support, business case)
- Group includes representation from Municipal Council and London Transit Commission
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- *Transit friendly amendments supporting the development of an enhanced transit nodes and corridors strategy adopted as part of the Official Plan review*
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- **Smart Moves is launched**
  - 2 year initiative to update the Transportation Master Plan including significant public consultation
- **LTC Long Term Growth Strategy to be incorporated into final Transportation Master Plan**

- **Work begins on 2\textsuperscript{nd} LTC facility** – to provide needed capacity and allow for future growth in fleet
• LTC introduces Smart Bus functionality including Web Watch (real time bus info) and automatic stop announcements
• 2nd LTC facility opens for use – capacity for 100 buses
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2030 TMP adopted by Municipal Council
• significant focus on public transit

• LTC launches Smart Card initiative
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Presentation to MTO staff
- Official Plan supporting transit
- 2030 TMP including transit as a key component
- Business Case for BRT

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- AECOM completes BRT Business Case
  - Identifies $1.80 return for every $1.00 of investment
  - LTC launches Route 90 – semi-express service
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- Development Charges By-law approved without appeal
  - Inclusive of provisions for rapid transit implementation
  - Rapid Transit Environmental Assessment begins

- LTC Driving Change Document released
- Implementation of TSP on Richmond corridor
- LTC improves Route 90 frequency and extends route
- LTC launches Route 91
- LTC undertakes Route Review of existing service
- LTC adopts 2015-2018 Business Plan
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- London Plan considered for approval by Council
- Official launch of Shift

- LTC adopts 2015-2018 Business Plan – calls for 17,700 annual service hour increases in each year
- Commission receives recommendations from Route Review
- Commission considers Financial Plan as basis for multi-year budgeting
2015 LTC Initiatives

- Route Review – *Let’s Talk Transit*
  - **Part I** - An assessment of the existing route structure with the view of restructuring/redefining same in light of current service quality and performance issues and deficit assuming status quo (no rapid transit).
  
  - **Part II** - An assessment of the existing route structure with the view of restructuring/redefining of same in support of implementing rapid transit as defined in the City’s 2030 Transportation Master Plan.

  - **Part III** - An assessment and recommendation of potential changes to the existing informal Service Guidelines, noting such guidelines would be reflective of the direction of each of the above route structure reviews.
2015 LTC Initiatives

- Route Review - Let’s Talk Transit
  - Significant public consultation
    - Community drop-in sessions (approx 100 attendees)
    - Online (user/non user) transit survey (3,365 responses)
    - Individual stakeholder meetings (20 to-date)
  - Key messages
    - #1 reason for not using transit – travel times too long
    - #1 for using transit – no access to car
    - Top recommended improvements
      - Increased bus frequency (both weekends and weekdays)
      - More reliable bus service (on time, less overcrowding, improved transfers)
      - Longer service hours on weekends
      - More express services to reduce travel time
2015 LTC Initiatives

- Route Review – *Lets Talk Transit*
  - Draft recommendations for all parts considered by Commission March 25, 2015
  - Part I recommendations will include route and service changes for each of the next 5 years consistent with LTC Business Plan
  - Part II recommendations reference integration of existing routes with rapid transit corridors
  - Public consultation regarding recommendations scheduled for April 8, 2015
2015 LTC Initiatives

- 2015 Service Plan
  - Draft recommendations considered by Commission March 25, 2015
  - Recommendations include considerations of route review as well as other traditional sources
    - public requests
    - known service issues (overcrowding, schedule adherence, growth areas, etc.)
  - Public consultation regarding recommendations scheduled for April 29 & 30, 2015
  - Copies of report will be shared with members of Municipal Council
2015 LTC Initiatives

- 2015-2018 Financial Plan
  - Draft plan considered by Commission March 25, 2015
  - Plan will be the basis for multi-year budget preparation
  - Plan is based on initiatives set out in 2015-2018 Business Plan

- Smart Card Launch