

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2016</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>JOHN BRAAM, P. ENG. MANAGING DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL &amp; ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CITY ENGINEER</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>RAPID TRANSIT IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to London's transit system:

- a) the LTC Long Term Growth Report Working Group **BE DISBANDED**;
- b) a Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group (RTIWG) **BE ESTABLISHED**;  
and
- c) the attached proposed Terms of Reference for the Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group **BE APPROVED**;

it being noted that the transition to a Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group will facilitate with the development and implementation of London's rapid transit system..

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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- Civic Works Committee - June 19, 2012 - London 2030 Transportation Master Plan
- Civic Works Committee - October 7, 2013 – Bus Rapid Transit Strategy
- Civic Works Committee – July 21, 2014 – Rapid Transit Corridors Environmental Assessment Study Appointment of Consulting Engineer
- Civic Works Committee – June 2, 2015 – Rapid Transit Funding Opportunities
- Civic Works Committee – August 24, 2015 – Shift Rapid Transit Initiative Appointment of Survey Consultants
- Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee – January 28, 2016 – Downtown Infrastructure Planning and Coordination
- Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee – November 9, 2015 - Shift Rapid Transit Update
- Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee – May 5, 2015 - Shift Rapid Transit Business Case

<b>COUNCIL'S 2015-2019 STRATEGIC PLAN</b>
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Municipal Council has recognized the importance of rapid transit and improved mobility in its 2015-2019 - Strategic Plan for the City of London ([2015 – 2019 Strategic Plan](#)) as follows:

**Strengthening Our Community**

- Healthy, safe, and accessible city

**Building a Sustainable City**

- Robust infrastructure
- Convenient and connected mobility choices
- Strong and healthy environment
- Beautiful places and spaces
- Responsible growth

**Growing our Economy**

- Local, regional, and global innovation
- Strategic, collaborative partnerships

**Leading in Public Service**

- Collaborative, engaged leadership
- Excellent service delivery

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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The LTC Long-Term Growth Report Working Group (LTGRWG) was established in 2007 with its primary role being to review the London Transit Commission's Long-term Transit Growth Strategy in order to provide recommendations to Municipal Council on the alignment of the Strategy with the City of London's 2004 Transportation Master Plan including but not limited to, identifying priorities for roadway investment, identifying potential amendments to existing land use and parking policies that influence transit usage, and identifying opportunities for improving the speed, frequency, comfort and reliability of public transit services with a view to increase public transit ridership.

The LTGRWG was comprised of members of council who indicated their willingness to serve on the Working Group, and two representatives of from the London Transit Commisison.

In 2012, the duties of the LTGRWG were amended in order to better facilitate the implementation of the London 2030 Transportation Master Plan (TMP). Its main objectives were:

- a) review the London 2030 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) in order to provide recommendations to the Municipal Council on the implementation of the London 2030 TMP including, but not limited to, identifying priorities for roadway investment, identifying potential amendments to existing land use and parking policies that influence transit usage, and identifying opportunities for improving the speed, frequency, comfort and reliability of public transit services with a view to increased public transit ridership; and,
- b) review, monitor and make recommendations to the Municipal Council with respect to the Bus Rapid Transit business case development, implementation and transit route restructuring.

In addition, the composition was amended to increase the number of representatives from the London Transit Commission to three from two.

The Working Group has met on an as needed basis since that time.

The Business Case for a Full Bus Rapid Transit Network Alternative was approved by Council on May 31, 2016. It has since been submitted to the Provincial and Federal Governments for review, comment and approval for funding.

Now that the Rapid Transit initiative is at the implementation stage, it has become evident that there is a need to establish a Working Group with a more clearly defined

focus on the following objectives, in order to better facilitate the implementation of the Bus Rapid Transit System:

- a) Review and provide input on reports brought forward regarding the rapid transit implementation project;
- b) Participate, as appropriate, in broader community engagement at key points throughout the planning, design and construction phases of the rapid transit implementation process.
- c) Serve as a liaison point between the London Transit Commission and the Municipal Council on matters respecting the development and implementation of London's rapid transit initiative
- d) Review and provide input to the Municipal Council, through the Civic Works Committee, with respect to the development and implementation of London's rapid transit initiative.

The implementation of the Rapid Transit initiative is a multi-year program. The next steps include the completion of the Environmental Assessment, preliminary design, consultation with the public on various design elements and construction staging, and the integration of the Rapid Transit initiative with the LTC local transit service.

The recommended change in scope or role of the working group is consistent with the direction of Municipal Council's June 23, 2016 resolution. As part of ongoing efforts to promote the Rapid Transit funding request from the Provincial and Federal Governments, Municipal Council approved the following actions:

- "a) Member(s) of the Municipal Council BE DESIGNATED as the Municipal Council's elected representative(s) with respect to the Rapid Transit Network initiative; and,*
- b) immediate steps BE TAKEN to appoint the representative(s) identified in a), above, by firstly seeking interested individuals, and by secondly taking the necessary steps to approve the designation of a specific individual(s) to act as the Municipal Council's representative(s) for the Rapid Transit initiative."*

and

*"That Councillors J. Helmer, P. Squire, J. Morgan, P. Hubert, A. Hopkins, H.L Usher, and T. Park and Mayor M. Brown BE DESIGNATED as the Municipal Council's elected representatives with respect to the Rapid Transit Network initiative; it being noted that additional members of the Council may be added at any time, in the future."*

## **CONCLUSION**

This report recommends that the LTC Long Term Growth Report Working Group be reconstituted as the Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group. This will provide a more effective and focused structure for members of the London Transit Commission and Municipal Council to review, provide input and help effect the successful implementation of Rapid Transit.

**Acknowledgements**

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Attach: Appendix "A" – Terms of Reference  
cc. London Transit Commission

## **Appendix A**

Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group  
Terms of Reference

**RAPID TRANSIT IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP**  
**TERMS OF REFERENCE**  
(August 2016)

**COMPOSITION:**

The Working Group shall be comprised of Members of Council who have indicated to the City Clerk their willingness to serve on the Working Group and three representatives from the London Transit Commission.

**TERM OF OFFICE:**

The Working Group shall dissolve upon completion of its mandate.

**CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected by the Working Group from among its Members.

**REPORTING RELATIONSHIP**

The Working Group shall report through the Civic Works Committee.

**DUTIES:**

The Working Group shall:

- a) Review and provide input on reports brought forward regarding the rapid transit implementation project;
- b) Participate, as appropriate, in broader community engagement at key points throughout the planning, design and construction phases of the rapid transit implementation process.
- c) Serve as a liaison point between the London Transit Commission and the Municipal Council on matters respecting the development and implementation of London's rapid transit initiative
- d) Review and provide input to the Municipal Council, through the Civic Works Committee, with respect to the development and implementation of London's rapid transit initiative.

**MEETINGS:**

The meetings shall be held on a monthly or on an as needed basis.

**RESOURCES:**

Research and general support staff resources shall be provided through the relevant Managing Director and/or the General Manager of the London Transit Commission. Secretariat support shall be provided by the City Clerk's Office.