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DATE 4 September 1997

TO/DEST. Co-ordinator
Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee

FROM/EXP. Environment and Transportation Commissioner

SUBJECT/OBJET **REGIONAL ROAD #174 EASTBOUND SHOULDER BUS LANE
BLAIR ROAD TO PLACE D'ORLEANS DRIVE
CONTRACT NO. 97-614 - CONTRACT AWARD**

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Corporate Services and Economic Development Committee and Council confirm:

- 1. The award of Contract 97-614, for the construction of the Regional Road #174 Eastbound Shoulder Bus Lane, from Blair Road to Place d'Orleans Drive, to Deschenes Construction (Ontario) Ltd., Ottawa, for a total contract provision of \$3,113,700;**
- 2. The transfer of funds in the amount of \$600,000 net (\$1,200,000 gross), from Lebreton Flats Study/Property (94-33430) to Transit Priority Measures (94-30630).**

BACKGROUND

During 1991, the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) constructed, at the request of the RMOC, a westbound shoulder bus lane on Highway 17 from Montreal Road to Blair Road. The lane was opened in September 1991. In the fall of 1992, the westbound shoulder bus lane was extended from Champlain Street to Montreal Road. This shoulder bus lane is used by OC Transpo buses during the morning peak traffic period, is very successful, and has improved transit service and reliability for the eastern urban area transit users.

In 1995, the MTO constructed, at the request of the RMOC, an eastbound shoulder bus lane on Highway 417 from Eagleson Road to Moodie Drive. The lane was opened in November 1995. In 1996, the Ministry constructed the westbound shoulder bus lane on Highway 417 from Moodie Drive to Eagleson Road. These shoulder bus lanes have proven to be very successful by improving bus service travel times and reliability, and reducing OC Transpo's operating costs.

This contract is for the construction of the eastbound shoulder bus lane on Regional Road #174, from Blair Road to Place D'Orleans, to complement the existing successful westbound lane, and complete the outstanding link in the freeway shoulder lane system.

On 1 April 1997, the jurisdiction of Highway 17, from the Highway 417 split to Trim Road, was transferred to the RMOC, and this section of the freeway has been designated as Regional Road #174.

DISCUSSION

Tenders (excluding GST) were received from the following:

Deschenes Construction (Ontario) Ltd., Ottawa	\$2,809,000.00
Tarmac Minerals, Nepean	\$2,816,472.33
Beaver Road Builders Ltd., Gloucester	\$2,831,922.58

The Departmental Estimate (excluding GST) is	\$2,873,804.00
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Based on the review of the tender documents, the Department recommends the acceptance of the low bid from Deschenes Construction (Ontario) Ltd., Ottawa. The requested contract award of \$2,809,000, a contingency allowance of \$101,000, plus an allowance of \$203,700 for GST, bringing the total contract award to \$3,113,700.

CONSULTATION

The opportunity for general public input was provided via the Public Hearing Process for this project, and the public tendering process was undertaken in accordance with Corporate Policy.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

The construction of this project will improve afternoon peak hour transit services between Blair Road and Place d'Orleans Drive, and will assist in reducing O.C. Transpo's operating costs.

The 1997 Budget had proposed carrying out this work over two years. The Department, however, tendered the complete package in order to maximize the subsidy allocation from the Ministry of Transportation for Rapid Transit in this fiscal year. The Ministry have indicated that this entire project is eligible for subsidy. As a result, a transfer of funds is necessary. The Department believes it is imperative to initiate this work immediately given the approaching

winter and also to take maximum advantage of Rapid Transit subsidy allocations which the Provincial Government has indicated will cease at the end of this calendar year. As a result, this contract was awarded by the Chief Administrative Officer on Tuesday, 9 September 1997 resulting in the report being before the Committee and Council for confirmation. (Reference memorandum dated 5 Sep 97 from Chief Administrative Officer to the Chair and Members of Council.)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	942-30630	942-33430
	\$	\$
Approved Budget to Date	4,900,000	3,235,000
Total Paid and Committed	<u>(2,951,509)</u>	<u>(47,485)</u>
Balance Available	1,948,431	3,187,515
THIS REQUEST	<u>(3,113,700)</u>	-
Additional Funding Required	1,200,000	600,000
Balance Remaining	<u>34,731</u>	<u>2,587,515</u>

Funds are requested for transfer from Lebreton Flats/Study, Account No. 942-33430, (Reference page 377, 1997 Capital Budget) in the amount of \$600,000 net bringing the revised total budget to \$2,635,000, to the Transit Priority Measures, Account No. 942-30630, (Reference page 165, 1997 Capital Budget) bringing the revised total budget to \$6,100,000.

*Approved by
M.J.E. Sheflin, P.Eng.*

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Funds in the amount of \$600,000 (Gross & Net) are available for transfer from account 942-33430, Lebreton Flats/Study, to account 942-30630, Transit Priority Measures, which is funded 50% by the Province resulting in an increase of \$1,200,000 Gross and \$600,000 net. Subject to Council Approval.

*Approved by C. Colaiacovo
on behalf of the Finance Commissioner*