



Transit Commission

MINUTES 25

Wednesday, 20 June 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Champlain Room, 110 Laurier Avenue West

Present : D. Deans (Chair), K. Egli (Vice-Chair), S. Blais, R. Bloess, S. Desroches, S. Qadri, C. Reporter, T. Tierney, M. Wilkinson

Regrets: B. Crew, J. Ferrabee, E. Rahn

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 23 of 16 May 2012 were confirmed.

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- Note: 1. Please note that these Minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by Commission.**
- 2. Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on 11 July 2012 in Transit Commission Report 13.**

COMMUNICATIONS

Responses to Inquiries:

- CC 05-12 - Joint Ottawa-Gatineau Transit Committee (Bloess)
- OTC-20-11 - U Pass: Increased Usage on Express Buses and Accountability (Blais)

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PRESENTATIONS / CHAIR'S ITEMS

1. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

CITY WIDE

Chair Deans recognized Ian Maxwell, an OC Transpo Operator, who had been nominated for Ottawa Tourism's *Stars of the City Customer Service Awards*.

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2. CHAIR'S UPDATE

CITY WIDE

The Commission received an update from Chair Deans in which she highlighted the following:

- Her attendance, on behalf of the Transit Commission, at the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Urban Transit Association in Victoria, British Columbia from Saturday May 26 to Wednesday May 30th, and a summary thereof, including an award given to OC Transpo for their *People Moving People* and *Count on Me* campaign;
- Her attendance, on behalf of the Transit Commission, at the 22 Annual OC Transpo Transecure Awards on June 19;
- July 1 fare changes and messaging for seniors;
- A note that the next Transit Commission meeting had been tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 24.

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**CITY OPERATIONS
TRANSIT SERVICES**

3. UPDATE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER, TRANSIT SERVICES
CITY WIDE

The Commission received an update from John Manconi, General Manager of Transit Services, in which he highlighted the following:

- A feature in the most recent publication of Ottawa Woman magazine on OC Transpo operator Marilen Turner;
- An update on the OC Transpo service changes for Canada Day.

A copy of Mr. Manconi's PowerPoint presentation with respect to Canada Day Service is held on file with the City Clerk's office.

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4. PRESTO IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE
CITY WIDE

The Commission received an update on the PRESTO implementation from Bruce McCuaig, Chief Executive, Metrolinx; Steve Zucker, Managing Director and Executive Vice President, PRESTO; Scott Graham, Project Manager, and Alden Cuddihey, Senior Executive, Accenture. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is held on file with the City Clerk's office.

Jan Lam commented on his experiences while taking part in the Family and Friends PRESTO pilot. A copy of his submission is held on file with the City Clerk's office.

Following questions to staff, Vice-Chair Egli assumed the position of Chair while Commissioner Deans introduced a motion with respect to an extension of the OC Transpo ECOPASS program.

MOTION OTC 25/1

Moved by Commissioner D. Deans:

Whereas OC Transpo and its partner Metrolinx cannot provide the certainty of Presto convenience to ECOPASS users for the near future; and

Whereas it is not in the best interest of ECOPASS holders or OC Transpo to cancel the ECOPASS program until Presto is fully in place; and

Whereas agreements with these employers are near their term and employers of ECOPASS holders require certainty for plan administration;

Therefore be it resolved that the Transit Commission recommends that City Council authorize OC Transpo to extend individual employer ECOPASS agreements for one year and that the ECOPASS fare remains at the 2011-2012 level, plus a 2.5% general fare increase, which is \$84.56 per month for regular ECOPASS and \$104.55 per month for express ECOPASS.

MOTION OTC 25/2

Moved by Commissioner M. Wilkinson:

That the Deans' motion be amended to add that efforts be made to re-enroll those ECOPASS customers who have already cancelled, if they request it.

Motion 25/1 was then put to the Commission and CARRIED as amended by Motion 25/2.

5. Q1 2012 TRANSIT SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT
ACS2012-COS-TRA-0008 CITY WIDE
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REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Transit Commission receive this report for information.

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**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
CITY CLERK AND SOLICITOR DEPARTMENT**

6. STATUS UPDATE – TRANSIT COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND
MOTIONS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 5 JUNE 2012
ACS2012-CMR-CCB-0050 CITY WIDE
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REPORT RECOMMENDATION

That the Transit Commission receive this report for information.

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CITY TREASURER AND FINANCE

7. CAPITAL ADJUSTMENTS AND CLOSING OF PROJECTS – TRANSIT
ACS2012-CMR-FIN-0027 CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Transit Commission recommend Council:

1. Authorize the closing of capital projects listed in Document 1, the funding of deficits as identified and the return of balance of funds to funding sources;
2. Approve the budget adjustments as detailed in Document 2;
3. Permit those projects in Document 3 that qualify for closure, to remain open; and
4. Receive the budget adjustments in Document 4 undertaken in accordance with the Delegation of Authority By-law 2009-231, as amended, as they pertain to capital works.

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**PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT**

8. STATEMENT OF WORK TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE
TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN, OTTAWA PEDESTRIAN PLAN
AND OTTAWA CYCLING PLAN
ACS2012-PAI-PGM-0139 CITY WIDE 01

RECOMMENDATION

**That the Transit Commission receive this report for information as per
Transportation Committee Motion 19/3 of 6 June 2012:**

Moved by Councillor D. Deans:

WHEREAS the “Statement of Work to Review and Update the Transportation Master Plan, Ottawa Pedestrian Plan and Ottawa Cycling Plan” includes a number of transit-specific policies and projects, including the following:

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- *Determining the cost of travel for all modes of transportation and their differential impacts on the tax rate (ACS2011-CCS-TRC-0005);*
 - *Assessing the feasibility and priority of a rapid transit rail solution to Orleans at the earliest opportunity (MOTION NO. 16/7);*
 - *Developing a rapid transit strategy between Barrhaven and Bayview via Riverside South, including a potential extension of the existing O-Train (ACS2012-ICS-TRA-0003).*
 - *Prioritizing the major transit projects across the city to support growth, ridership demand and the affordability model;*
 - *Reviewing and updating the overall strategic direction and associated policies as required, including targets for transit, walking and cycling;*
 - *Reviewing rapid transit infrastructure and service requirements including transit intensive and transit priority corridors and fleet requirements, including a strategy for the development of the rapid transit corridor from Bayview to Riverside South to Barrhaven, including a potential extension of the O-Train further south, including an assessment of the feasibility and relative priority for a rapid transit rail solution to Orleans at the earliest opportunity, and including an assessment and prioritization of rapid transit needs for Kanata and Barrhaven;*
 - *Identifying the funding gap between “what is required” and “what is affordable”, including a review of the capital and operating costs of various transportation modes and their impacts on the tax rate for the provision of these services; and*
 - *Developing, in conjunction with Transit Services, effective multi-modal trip options that include bike-to-transit and rack-and-roll programs; and*

WHEREAS the Transit Commission’s Terms of Reference, Sections 11 and 12, states that the Transit Commission shall, as follows:

Review and make recommendations to Council on City policies and plans that have a public transit component.

In collaboration with the Transportation Committee, review and make recommendations to Council on transit infrastructure matters, such as transitways and traffic management, so as to achieve the transit goals of the City’s Official Plan and the Transportation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS the Transportation Committee’s Terms of Reference, Section 10 (Specific Responsibilities) states that the Transportation Committee shall, “In collaboration with the Transit Commission, review and make recommendations to Council on transit infrastructure matters, such as transitways and traffic management, so as to achieve the transit goals of the City’s Official Plan and the Transportation Master Plan”; and

WHEREAS the “Statement of Work to Review and Update the Transportation Master Plan, Ottawa Pedestrian Plan and Ottawa Cycling Plan” does not provide a clear indication of how the Transit Commission is to be involved on Transportation Master Plan initiatives that fall within its mandate to recommend to Transportation Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the “Statement of Work to Review and Update the Transportation Master Plan, Ottawa Pedestrian Plan and Ottawa Cycling Plan” be provided to the Transit Commission at its June 20, 2012 meeting for its information; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff, working with the Chairs of the Transportation Committee and the Transit Commission, be directed to develop a roadmap for the consideration of the Transportation Master Plan, the Ottawa Pedestrian Plan, and Ottawa Cycling Plan elements that are within the Transit Commission’s mandate.

Vivi Chi, Manager, Transportation Planning, and Colin Simpson, Senior Project Manager, Transportation Planning, provided an overview of the report. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is held on file with the City Clerk’s office.

Chris Bradshaw presented some reservations about the report, the lack of a Transit master plan and the fact that walking is not highlighted as an integral part of transit.

The report was then put to the Commission and RECEIVED.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

***Original signed by
M. Duffenais***

Commission Coordinator

***Original signed by
Councillor D. Deans***

Chair