



Office of the Commissioner  
Transportation Services

## Memorandum

To: Committee of the Whole  
From: Paul Jankowski Commissioner of Transportation Services  
Date: May 3, 2018  
Re: **Transport Canada's National Trade Corridors Fund Update**

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The Region applied for infrastructure funding for three projects under Transport Canada's National Trade Corridor Fund in 2017

The objective of the National Trade Corridor Fund (NTCF) program is for the Federal government to support strategic multi-modal infrastructure projects that address transportation bottlenecks, vulnerabilities and congestion to improve the movement of people and goods across Canada.

On September 21, 2017, Council endorsed the following Regional projects for submission for potential funding:

- Elgin Mills Road Grade Separation with Canadian National Railway Freight Corridor, Town of Richmond Hill
- Keele Street Grade Separation Replacement with Canadian National Railway Freight Corridor, City of Vaughan
- Major Mackenzie Drive Grade Separation with Canadian Pacific Railway Freight Corridor, City of Vaughan

Project proposals for the three grade separation projects passed the Expression of Interest phase and were selected to proceed to the Comprehensive Project Proposal phase of the funding application. The project proposals were submitted in November 2017.

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## Transport Canada's National Trade Corridors Fund Update

Transport Canada has informed the Region that none of the three projects were approved for funding under the National Trade Corridor Fund

On April 9, 2018, the Region was informed by Transport Canada that none of the three grade separation project proposals were selected for funding under the NTCF program. It was communicated to the Region that "Transport Canada received over 350 applications for eligible projects. The list of submissions was significantly more than could be funded during this first call for proposals. The NTCF is a merit-based program and only those projects that align most closely with objectives of the NTCF program were selected by Transport Canada".

Staff has reached out to Transport Canada to better understand the rationale for funding selections and next steps

Staff reached out to Transport Canada to better understand the selection process and ask which projects were selected for funding. At this time, Transport Canada will not be sharing the list of projects identified to receive funding, as some projects still need further approvals by the Government of Canada and will be subject to negotiated contribution agreements.

Staff will continue to have dialogue with Transport Canada on the specific merits of the Region's submission, but it will be some time before those discussions will take place. Any additional insight obtained will guide future submissions.

Transport Canada advised there will be future calls for proposals under the NTCF program which will likely offer the Region another opportunity to apply for funding. Details for subsequent calls for proposals will be publicly announced closer to the application period. Transport Canada also indicated that other opportunities for project funding may be available through the Canada Infrastructure Bank.

Staff will continue to monitor the NTCF program to identify future opportunities for funding projects within the Region.

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