



Transportation Services
Commissioner's Office

Memorandum

TO: Regional Council
FROM: Daniel Kostopoulos, Commissioner
DATE: April 20, 2016
RE: **Proposed Rerouting of the Greater Toronto Rail Network
Draft Resolution**

Committee of the Whole at its meeting held on April 7, 2016, received correspondence from the Clerk of the City of Markham regarding the feasibility study on rerouting of freight rail traffic in the greater Toronto rail network. This correspondence informed Committee of the Whole that Markham Council adopted a number of recommendations objecting to and not supporting the conclusions of the feasibility study and the proposal to reroute freight rail traffic from the City of Toronto to York Region, including the Cities of Markham and Vaughan.

Committee of the Whole requested that staff prepare a similar resolution for consideration by Council at its meeting scheduled for April 21, 2016.

Attached to this memorandum is the resolution for Council's consideration.

Daniel Kostopoulos, P.Eng.
Commissioner of Transportation Services

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Attachment

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RESOLUTION

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Whereas the Cities of Cambridge, Mississauga and Toronto and the Town of Milton completed the “Feasibility and Business Case of Constructing the Missing Link” to assess the feasibility of separating freight rail and passenger rail traffic on the Milton and Kitchener GO rail corridors by constructing a new rail corridor and other improvements to link the Canadian National Railway bypass line in Bramalea with the Canadian Pacific Railway through line near the Milton-Mississauga border thereby facilitating a rerouting of freight rail traffic from the Cities of Toronto and Mississauga to southern York Region, in the Cities of Markham and Vaughan.

And Whereas Council at its meeting held on January 21, 2016, adopted Clause 3 in Report No. 1 of Committee of the Whole regarding Feasibility Study for Proposed Rerouting of the Greater Toronto Rail Network, including resolving that Council formally request Metrolinx to undertake consultation with York Region, the Cities of Markham and Vaughan and the Town of Richmond Hill before proceeding with additional studies relating to the rerouting of freight rail traffic in York Region.

And Whereas Council of the City of Markham at its meeting on March 1, 2016, adopted a number of resolutions, objecting to the recommendations of the Feasibility and Business Case of Constructing the Missing Link, including that the Prime Minister, the Premier, Federal and Provincial Transportation Ministers, the project proponents and others be advised that the City of Markham strongly objects to rerouting additional freight rail traffic through the City of Markham.

And Whereas Report No. 6 of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 7, 2016, recommended that staff prepare a similar resolution to that of the City of Markham dated March 1, 2016, for consideration by Council at its meeting to be held on April 21, 2016.

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Metrolinx be advised that rerouting of freight rail traffic through York Region is not supported by the Council of the Regional Municipality of York.
2. That Council reiterate its previous request of January 2016 that Metrolinx undertake consultation with York Region, the Cities of Markham and Vaughan and the Town of Richmond Hill before proceeding with additional studies relating to the rerouting of freight rail traffic in York Region.

3. That the Regional Clerk forward this resolution to the Prime Minister, the Premier, Federal and Provincial Transportation Ministers, Local MPs and MPPs, the Cities of Markham, Vaughan, Cambridge, Mississauga and Toronto, the Towns of Richmond Hill and Milton, Metrolinx, CN Rail and CP Rail.

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