



Notice of Commencement

TTC-TWRC Waterfront Transit Environmental Assessments

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), under the auspices of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC), has initiated an Environmental Assessment of proposed transit services for the Port Lands, West Don Lands and East Bayfront development areas. The process to select preferred designs and implementation plans for the three transit projects falls under the requirements of an individual Environmental Assessment. The TTC will be completing a single, combined Terms of Reference (ToR) for the three Environmental Assessment projects and then, following Ministry of the Environment approval of the ToR, complete two separate Environmental Assessment studies for the West Don Lands and the East Bayfront transit projects.

A single, combined ToR is being developed because a network of transit services will be required to inter-connect the three communities and many of the issues related to the development of a ToR are common to the three communities. This approach will also allow members of the public to provide input to the ToR through a common consultation process. The proposed approach will ensure that area-wide planning issues are adequately addressed both in the development of the ToR, and in each individual Environmental Assessments.

Public and regulatory agency consultations are key elements of Terms of Reference development and the Individual Environmental Assessment process. Public comments are welcome at anytime during the development of the ToR. An initial set of (2) Public Workshops will be held in the spring of 2006 to receive comments on the problem definition, need, study area, service area, projected routes, service type, proposed alternatives, technical studies to be conducted, and proposed public consultation plan for Individual EAs.

The first workshop will be held on

Wednesday April 5th, 6:30 pm-9:00 pm St. Lawrence Great Hall 157 King Street East

Advance notice of the Workshops will be published in local newspapers within the City of Toronto. Before the completion of the planning process, a draft Terms of Reference report will be made available for public review at local municipal buildings and on line. The individual EAs will proceed once the Ministry of the Environment approves the Terms of Reference.

As part of the consultation process, a mailing list for those parties who are interested in receiving further information on this study is currently being compiled. If you wish to receive information, become involved in the study, or submit comment, please contact either of the following:

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STUDY AREA

