



**ST. CLAIR TTC TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT MEETING
CONSTRUCTION LIAISON COMMITTEE (CLC)**

Meeting #6 (2006)
Construction Trailer
Foxbar Avenue, South of St. Clair

Wednesday October 11, 2006
10:00 a.m.

SUMMARY NOTES

ATTENDANCE

Residents

Name	Organization
Wally Lennox	Standard Radio
Jean-Pierre Beaudry	Resident
Howard Katz	CLARA

Staff

Name	Organization
Pierre D'Aoust	Councillor Michael Walkers Office
Scott Duggan	TTC
Jennie Weller	City of Toronto – Public Consultation
Chris Myers	City of Toronto
Joe Pellegrini	City of Toronto
George Rozanski	City of Toronto
Gian Sansalone	Domti Contrators
Michael McCowley	City of Toronto – Public Consultation
Curt Russell	City of Toronto
Councillor Michael Walker	Ward 22
Marion O'Sullivan	Joe Mihevc's Office
Tracy Gillam	Toronto Police – Parking Enforcement
Brian Cameron	Toronto Police

1. Introductions:

- **Jennie Weller** started the meeting.
- Committee members and staff introduced themselves

2. Construction Updates

- **George Rozanski** gave construction updates.
- Over Thanksgiving weekend track work was completed at Avenue and St. Clair.

- Sidewalks are being rebuilt on the south side from where they were left off from last year.
- There will be two additional closures of Avenue Road
- Will be closing thru traffic at Avenue and St. Clair
- Starting Oct 12 work will begin on Deer Park and St. Clair. Deer Park southbound can turn west onto St. Clair while Deer Park northbound can turn east. Will be open to thru traffic again on Saturday.
- **Councillor Walker** asked why Avenue was closing again if the tracks have been laid? **George Rozanski** replied that there are two closures to construct the cross walks and the road and reconstructing the pavement.
- **Howard Katz** asked when the u-turn in front of Timothy Eaton Church would be opened, can it be **used** without signals? **George Rozanski** replied that that is in contract 2. **Jennie Weller** to ask **Henry Szymandera** and will follow-up (ACTION)
- **Councillor Walker** asked if Russell Hill is open. **Chris Myers** responded that it is, but there is still some work to be completed.
- **Wally Lennox** asked if work was about to begin on 2 St. Clair? **George Rozanski** responded that they are looking into delaying the project until spring because the water proofing that needs to be done on the roof is weather sensitive. If it is delayed curbing and 5 feet of sidewalk would be put in. **Councillor Walker** asked if it would be concrete or asphalt. **George Rozanski** responded that they could put in concrete.
- **Wally Lennox** asked when the curb and sidewalks would begin if the roofing is delayed. Gian Sansalone said that it would continue as normal and begin next week. Will move to north side and the work moves easterly.

3. Traffic Management

- **Curt Russell** attempted to address signs. Have exhausted traffic light timings at Heath.
- **Councillor Walker** suggested that Heath would move faster if parking was enforced. **Howard Katz** said that the traffic is worse half a block east of Avenue and half a block west of Spadina. **George Rozanski** mentioned that only diverting traffic onto Heath on weekends. **Councillor Walker** mentioned that even during the week the traffic is grid-locked because of the parking along Heath. **Tracy Gilliam** asked where would signs go. **Councillor Walker** responded that you would need council approval to change parking regulations. **Howard Katz** asked if special permit could be obtained to block parking. **Tracy Gilliam** responded that they can be more aggressive in their enforcement.
- **Brian Cameron** suggested maybe more advance signage. Pierre D'Aoust asked if there could be advance signage on Avenue. **Gian Sansalone** said that during the Avenue Road closure one sign was placed north of Eglinton and one sign was placed south of Chaplin. It will be used again when there are subsequent closures. **Scott Duggan** asked if there was pre-advisory signs north of Eglinton? **Curt Russell** said that **Bob Runnings** has blanketed the whole area and has just put in order for more signs.
- Between 7:30 and 9:30 pm no left turns and Spadina Heath and Avenue? **Councillor Walker** said you would need council approval for a by-law.
- **Howard Katz** suggested that both Heath and Spadina have left hand turn lanes painted in. **Curt Russell** said that too would require council approval.

Pierre D'Aoust asked if staff could write a report about putting in left hand turn lanes and advance signals at Heath for a council report once they resume sitting after the election. (ACTION). **Councillor Walker** suggestion that staff look at all options. **Pierre D'Aoust** said that ratepayer associations may not want the higher traffic. **Councillor Walker** suggested a public consultation with all the stakeholders before any decision is made to get feedback.

4. Transit

- **Scott Duggan** explained that there has been no changes. Buses will remain until tracks are completed. **Councillor Walker** asked if when this phase is done, can streetcars return? **Scott Duggan** explained that the streetcar would return for the whole stretch until construction begins on phase 2, after that then streetcars will run from station to station only.
- **Howard Katz** asked when completion is. **Scott Duggan** explained end of the year. **George Rozanski** added that there may be pole installation in January and plantings in the spring/summer.

5. Other Issues/Question

- **J.P. Beaudry** mentioned that people were finding it difficult to get out of 45 and 47 St. Clair Avenue. There was a problem on Saturday evening when a fire truck blocked the eastbound lanes at the same time as a woman having breathing problems was being taken to the hospital by her husband. They had to turn to go eastbound in the westbound lanes. Concerned about emergency, how can it be made safe for people to get out. **Councillor Walker** suggested that staff move out of the Deer Park Crescent area first to avoid these problems.
- **J.P. Beaudry** said that Yonge and St. Clair were improving, but that there was still a problem with the amount of pedestrians and people trying to turn right. Worried about safety. **Howard Katz** mentioned that there could be advance right turn lights placed at that intersection.
- **Councillor Walker** reminded that the raised platform will prohibit left turns, but that two lanes will be open so right turns should be smoother.
- **George Rozanski** asked **Gian Sansalone** when track is scheduled to be completed, rails are in place west of Yonge. **Gian Sansalone** responded two weeks, need surface concrete.
- **Chris Myers** suggested that staff could perhaps open up one driveway even if it is just during non-working hours. **George Rozanski** even just for emergency Vehicles. **Chris Myers** said staff will look into it (ACTION).
- **Howard Katz** said that the curbs in contract 2 are not rolled. **Scott Duggan** said there is no change to the original design that was presented in the EA and that were presented to the CDCG and TCLC.

6. Action Items

1. **Jennie Weller** to follow up with Henry Szymandera regarding u-turns at Timothy Eaton Church
2. **Staff** to look into report on creating turn lanes and/or lights at Heath Street
3. **Staff** to look into opening up lanes at 45 and 47 St. Clair for those exiting from driveways.

Next Meeting: October 25, 2006 – 10:00am Construction Trailer, Foxbar Avenue, South of St. Clair