

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

Meeting #7 (2006)  
Construction Trailer  
Foxbar Avenue, South of St. Clair

Wednesday October 25, 2006  
10:00 a.m.

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**SUMMARY NOTES**

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Residents**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Joanna DeMome	Resident
Al Pearson	South Hill Residents Association

**Staff**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Pierre D'Aoust	Councillor Michael Walkers Office
Scott Duggan	TTC
Jennie Weller	City of Toronto – Public Consultation
Joe Pellegrini	City of Toronto
George Rozanski	City of Toronto
Gian Sansalone	Domti Contractors
David Nagler	City of Toronto – Public Consultation
Henry Szymandera	City of Toronto
David Crichton	City of Toronto

**1. Introductions:**

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

**2. Review of Action Items**

- a. Jennie Weller** to follow-up with Henry Szymandera regarding u-turns at Timothy Eaton Church
- **Henry Szymandera** explained that although it's not officially open it can be used
  - **Al Pearson** asked if the area in front of the church could be paved, as there is currently a large hole
  - **Henry Szymandera** said he would investigate
- b. Staff** to look at creating a report on turn lanes and/or lights at Heath Street
- Ongoing

c. *Staff to look at opening up 45 and 47 St. Clair Avenue for those exiting from the driveway*

- **Gian Sansalone** said tracked is finished but need to grind, can open it up once that is done. In the meantime barriers can be moved for vehicles and emergency vehicles. The grinding is scheduled for next week.
- **Joanna DeMome** asked what would happen if emergency vehicles tried to get through. **George Rozanski** explained that it is physically possible now to get a lane open in emergencies. Emergency crews have absolute power and can move anything they want out of the way.

### 3. Construction Updates

- **George Rozanski** gave construction updates
- Track allowance would be completed in 3 weeks, south side of St. Clair sidewalks are nearing completion. South side road work will be completed next week. Once the south side is done, the north side will begin.
- Work at Yonge and St. Clair is to be completed earlier than scheduled. They are doing road work between Deer Park and Yonge – south side first than north side. After the south side is done, northside sidewalks and road will be reconstructed
- The updated schedule shows a scheduled completion date of December 15<sup>th</sup> – this is all the work except street lights, poles, and furnishings such as planters on track platforms and shelters
- **Gian Sansalone** said that there is no delivery date on the shelters; the critical work is the concrete and the poles can be installed later.
- **George Rozanski** explained that the Avenue Road closure was deferred last weekend and they instead shut down Vaughan Road – so they didn't lose any time in the project. As of last weekend there were 5 intersection closures including Vaughan that were required; 2 on Avenue; 2 for Bathurst and 1 for Vaughan. They will not close more than one intersection at a time. Next two weekends will be the Bathurst closures. Will get back to us with the Avenue Road closure dates.
- **Al Pearson** asked if anything could be done about the uneven paving at Spadina Road, it is impossible to turn left and the traffic is bad, he suggested putting up a ramp. **Henry Szymandera** explained that the contractor was out to inspect the area, but that Henry would take another look at the area in question.

### 4. Traffic Management

- **Al Pearson** mentioned that no left turn signal at Avenue Road is very frustrating. Can traffic pylons be moved to open up a 'turn lane.' People are diverting and driving in front of school. **Joanna Demome** explained that it took her an hour to get home one day and the signage hasn't been changed. **Henry Szymandera** explained that he ordered signs to be put up at various locations including Warren Avenue to help ease some confusion.
- **Al Pearson** asked about the scheduled completion date for work being done at Davenport and Dupont and noted a concern about traffic travelling through the South Hill community.
- **Jennie Weller** will follow up with Bob Runnings for an answer. **(ACTION)**
- **Gian Sansalone** can open up a left turn lane on St. Clair in the eastbound lanes at Avenue Road.

- **Al Pearson** asked what work is left at Avenue Road? **George Rozanski** responded that the City has to do work on the crosswalks and roadway.
- **Al Pearson** asked when the watermain is going in, and if that could be coordinated with the Streetcar related closures. **Pierre D'Aoust** replied the watermain would be tunnelling underground and does not require a intersection closure – the scheduled timing for that would be mid-2007. **George Rozanski** explained that the tunnelling is a year long project and is not interrupting traffic at the intersection of Avenue and St. Clair.
- **Al Pearson** asked if the new private construction will be closing a lane, and if that development will be affecting the Streetcar construction. **George Rozanski** has been talking with Cam Ross (developer) and coordinating efforts.
- **Joanna Demome** said that all the projects aren't being co-ordinated and need to be so. She can't get out of her driveway, there needs to be better signage. She said the predicted finish date is based on co-operative weather, what happens if the weather is bad. **George Rozanski** explained that they will make some concessions for bad weather, such as putting temporary paint lines in for lane markers instead of plastic, paving season generally lasts until mid-December and they are directing all the energies into finishing the weather sensitive areas first.
- **Al Pearson** asked, if you run into delays will that mean the street-car will not run until Spring 2007? **Scott Duggan** explained that they will continue work on the street car allowance even in bad weather, worse case scenario street car resumption would be in February.
- **Al Pearson** said that he is afraid that Phase One will be looked on by those west of it as a bad example.
- **Joanna Demome** said that there should be more coordination with all levels – including paid duty officers on site. She is concerned about the way things are being done, not what is being done. **David Crichton** explained that no matter what there will be congestion in construction, but that there has been excellent communication with traffic management and other levels, but that it is complex, particularly traffic signalling changes.
- **Al Pearson** said that the traffic lights at Heath and Avenue do not allow left turns and people can't get out. **George Rozanski** said that he will look into a temporary advance green at Avenue Road or at Heath. People in Forrest Hill can't get in to neighbourhood. **Jennie Weller** to speak to traffic management to find out the details (**ACTION**). **Henry Szymandera** explained that the lighting timing is a complex formula.
- **Joanna Demome** asked if lanes can be widened where work is not active.
- **Henry Szymandera** explained it was a matter of safety.

## 5. Transit

- **Scott Duggan** explained street car resumption in Traffic Management discussion

## 6. Other Issues/Question

- **Joanna Demome** asked when the work would be done on the South Side at Bathurst. **Henry Szymandera** explained that the sidewalks would be in the next two weeks, civil work end of November.
- **Al Pearson** would like to see a review of 'lessons learned' at the end of this project (Phase 1). He would like future communications to highlight what

work has been completed to date. He offered to help the City with email communications to inform the community. **Jennie Weller and Staff to follow up.**

## **7. Action Items**

1. **Staff** to look into report on creating turn lanes and/or lights at Heath Street (ONGOING)
2. **Jennie Weller** to follow up with Bob Runnings about work coordination and Dupont and Davenport
3. **Jennie Weller and Staff** to look at creating advance green lights (Temporary) and either St. Clair and Avenue or Heath and Avenue.
4. **Jennie Weller and Staff** to look at putting 'progress made' on all notices.

**Next Meeting: November 8, 2006 – 10:00am** Construction Trailer, Foxbar Avenue, South of St. Clair