

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

Meeting #5 (2006)
Construction Trailer
Foxbar Avenue, South of St. Clair

Wednesday September 27, 2006
10:00 a.m.

SUMMARY NOTES

ATTENDANCE

Residents

Name	Organization
Wally Lennox	Standard Radio
Ken Rosenthal	Deer Park Residents Association
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
John Sansalone	Domti Contrators
David Nagler	City of Toronto – Public Consultation

1. Introductions:

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

2. Construction Updates

- **Scott Duggan** gave construction updates.
- Contract 1 started the week after Labour Day. Work is proceeding with loop construction inside St. Clair station.
- Sidewalk reconstruction work is ongoing on the south side of St. Clair between Yonge Street and Avenue Road.
- Contractor has been working weekends to prepare for the Avenue Road intersection work. Southbound Avenue Rd @ St. Clair will be closed starting Friday, October 6 at 9:30am and northbound Avenue Rd @ St. Clair will be

closed starting at 7:00pm. One eastbound and one westbound lane will be kept open on St. Clair across the intersection.

- **Scott Duggan** said that street car service and traffic lanes on St. Clair from Yonge Street to Vaughn Road, in the new right-of-way will resume by the end of the 2006. The end dates for all the contracts are about the same. Streetcar service would also resume west of Vaughan Road until construction of Phase 2 begins.
- **George Rozanski** said that they were working on the Avenue Road intersection for 5 weekends to finish the sidewalks, two weeks of work on the south side before the closure on the Thanksgiving weekend, and two weeks work on the north side after the closure, in order to minimize traffic disruption on weekdays. All work at Avenue and St. Clair is scheduled for completion by the 4th week of October (tracks, sidewalks, road).
- **George Rozanski** said that eastbound St. Clair traffic across Yonge and east of Yonge is scheduled to re-open on Sunday, October 1st.
- **George Rozanski** said northside sidewalk work on St. Clair east of Yonge Street is ongoing. Sidewalks will also be constructed at Yonge & St. Clair, and there will be some intermittent road closures.
- **Wally Lennox** asked about the north side sidewalk work; **George Rozanski** responded that the Sidewalks at the 4 corners of Yonge and St. Clair will require curb lane closures.
- **George Rozanski** said there will be significant work at 2 St. Clair for repairs to the underground parking garage. There will be construction for 10-12 weeks in front of the CFRB building starting after streetcar tracks are finished. Will keep pedestrian access and walkways up to the main entrance and to the west side of St. Clair which will be usable at that time. There is a 6-8 week period where no work will be done in order to let the water-proof membrane cure. Will keep a lane open in all directions, traffic movements will be as is, one lane in each direction along St. Clair. Will not be intense construction for the 10-12 weeks, just 2 weeks at the beginning and 2 weeks at the end. Notice will be given to the tenants of the building prior to the start of the work.
- **Wally Lennox** asked what the North South traffic would be like on Yonge? **George Rozanski** replied that there will be some curb lane closures on Yonge in the next 2-3 weeks. **Chris Myers** added that construction at the intersection isn't only sidewalks, it includes polls bases and electrical conduit work that will affect the closures.
- **Wally Lennox** asked if there would be an overlap of north/south and east/west work? **George Rozanski** responded that three weeks of work is scheduled on Yonge St. One side of Yonge St. will undergo work at a time.

3. Traffic Management

- **Howard Katz** mentioned that the issue at Yonge Street is pedestrian crossings; there should be a paid duty officer. **George Rozanski** responded that the City only provides Paid Duty officers during active construction at intersection.
- **Ken Rosenthal** said that it takes a long time to turn onto Yonge.
- **Howard Katz** asked for Paid duty to direct people and vehicles to focus on the traffic, not on the construction; none of the other traffic lights (ie Heath) have been changed to accommodate the heavy traffic; **Chris Myers**

responded that by changing the lights it would back traffic up in the other directions.

- **Howard Katz** asked if during the rush hour a paid duty could be provided to manually control the traffic.
- **Ken Rosenthal** asked if the lighting could be evaluated/alterd at Dupont to accommodate the traffic. **Pierre D'Aoust** responded that Councillor Walker's office has been looking into the problem, but traffic flows keep changing, but would like to see officers at Russell Hill to control the traffic.
- **George Rozanski** said they can try to engage officers to help, but that to have them there simply to expedite traffic at a signalized intersection isn't always efficient. They are there to help with the construction activity, Paid Duty officers are usually only for safety issues.
- **Ken Rosenthal** mentioned that they had to fight to get signs put up on Heath Street.
- **Jennie Weller** said that these are mostly traffic management issues and that the traffic management representative, Bob Runnings will be consulted on these suggestions from the Committee after the meeting.
- **Chris Myers** said that the project team has spent hours discussing and planning in advance for traffic management but that it is very difficult to do anything about it, there are huge traffic flows to deal with.

4. Transit

- **Scott Duggan** explained that existing service will remain as is, they will bring the buses up to the upper level at St. Clair Station to help eliminate some traffic once St. Clair re-opens

5. Other Issues/Question

- **Pierre D'Aoust** asked why the notices said work would be 24 hours, even though the by-law exemption was denied. **Scott Duggan** explained that they would be doing significantly more work at night if the exemption was in place, but they will only be doing light work during the night.
- **Pierre D'Aoust** said that the councillor continues to get complaints regarding noise. Noise is only supposed to be 7am to 7pm weekdays and 9am-7pm on weekends. **Scott Duggan** responded that TTC was limiting its work to minimize noise after hours.
- **David Nagler** asked **Ken Rosenthal** if he could provide the city with a list of where he would like to see more traffic signs. **Ken Rosenthal** responded that he will get a list together and send it to **Jennie Weller**.
- **Pierre D'Aoust** has asked 53 division to look into enforcing speeding; there is a link on Councillor Walker's website www.michaelwalker.ca with a community policing form that can be filled out. He asked the committee members to tell their neighbours about the form.
- **Pierre D'Aoust** asked for all notices to be sent to his office in hard copy.

Action Items

1. **Jennie Weller** to invite Traffic Management and Police Representative to next CLC.
2. **Ken Rosenthal** to send **Jennie Weller** list of places for signs

Next Meeting: October 11, 2006 - Construction Trailer, Foxbar Avenue, South of St. Clair