
2009 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

2009 Civic Improvement Capital Projects

Issue:

The 2009 Recommended Capital Budget for City Planning's Places projects with funding of \$1.280 million and Routes projects with funding of \$1.275 million combine to form the Civic Improvement capital project. City Planning has been directed to report to Budget Committee on the details of the 2009 Civic Improvement Program's "A" and "B" lists for Places and Routes capital projects.

Background:

Civic improvement projects arise out of opportunities to enhance on-going capital investments in the City's public realm, primarily its streets, parks, open spaces and public buildings. These projects typically include streetscape improvements (such as special paving, widened sidewalks, tree planting and landscaping), the creation of special features (such as plazas, fountains, gardens and interpretative displays) and naturalization programs. By enhancing the quality of the pedestrian environment along the City's major streets, the Civic Improvement Program promotes walking and supports the City's agenda for climate change by contributing to the reduction in auto use.

Civic improvement streetscape projects are closely linked with the Transportation Services roadway and sidewalk annual capital works program, both by specific street location and timing of the city tendering cycle deadlines through the current budget year. A large number of potential streetscape projects meet the policy criteria described in "Building the Beautiful City: Places, Routes, Districts; Strategic Opportunities for Civic Improvements" adopted by City Council on Oct. 26, 27, 28, 2004. Every effort is made to spread out these projects geographically to achieve an equitable distribution of civic improvements throughout all four districts.

Key Point(s):

The selection of streetscape projects is heavily influenced by the opportunities presented by Transportation Services' capital program and the detailed project design criteria. Specifically the 2009 program is a transition year with 50% of the funding in Places and 50% in Routes. It is the intent of the program to transition to 100% funding for Places in 2010. The work program of the Transportation Services will accommodate the standard streetscape details according to the Streetscape Manual which are currently funded as Routes in City Planning capital budget.

Transportation Services' capital program is often subject to project modifications, which arise from a number of technical and scheduling reasons. Therefore, it is important for the Civic Improvement Program to maintain and include a "B list" of substitute projects and locations to allow the flexibility to quickly accommodate changes in Transportation Services' capital program.

A list of proposed 2009 Capital Projects: Places and Routes is attached as Appendix 1.

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APPENDIX 1
CITY PLANNING DIVISION
2009 CIVIC IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS - PLACES & ROUTES "A" & "B" LISTS

PLACES 2009 – "A" LIST		
STREET	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST (000's)
Ellesmere Road	Brimley to Markham. Road Reconfigurations, 1,000 square metres – concrete seatwall planter, street trees, perennials. East District Civic Centre Priority.	\$300
Wellington Street East	Scott to Yonge. TTC Track and Resurfacing. 200 square metres - concrete unit pavers, street trees in tree trench. Downtown Priority.	\$280
Dufferin Street Bridge	@ Queen Street West. Bridge Reconstruction, 200 square metres – hydro box entry markers, shrubs in grass blvds. South District Gateway Priority.	\$200
Bloor Street Bridge	@ Humber River. Bridge Reconstruction, 2,000 square metres - concrete seatwall, decorative plaques, decorative lighting. Heritage River Gateway.	\$500
	Total 2009 Recommended Places Funding:	\$1,280
ROUTES 2009 – "A" LIST		
STREET	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST (000's)
Regent Park	@ at various streets. 100 linear metres – art maintenance covers. Regent Park Rejuvenation, Downtown Priority.	\$40
Dufferin Street Bridge	@ Queen St. W. 100 linear metres – stainless steel portal cladding. South District Gateway Priority.	\$400
Humber Heritage	@ various street entrances. 500 linear metres – entry features, heritage signage, street trees. Humber Heritage River Gateways.	\$160
Royal York Road	Dundas St. to Ashley, TTC Stn. 500 linear metres - decorative fencing, street trees. Subway Connection.	\$175
St. Clair Avenue West	@ Gunns Rd. TTC Loop. TTC Track Reconstruction 1,000 linear metres – street trees in tree trench, pedestrian lighting, concrete unit pavers and concrete seatwall. Special Identity Area – Transit Priority.	\$500
	Total 2009 Recommended Routes Funding:	\$1,275

PLACES 2009 – “B” LIST – ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS	
STREET	DESCRIPTION
Dundas Street West	Lansdowne to University – Street trees in trench, concrete seatwalls. Transportation & Utilities sidewalk repair.
Elizabeth Street	Dundas Street to Elm Street – Street trees in trench, concrete planter. Transportation Resurfacing.
Geary Avenue	Ossington Avenue to Bartlett Avenue – Garrison Creek bronze plaques, street trees in grass. Transportation Resurfacing.
Avenue Road	Oxton Road to Beltline Trail – Traffic island concrete planter. Transportation Resurfacing.
Pottery Road	Broadview Avenue to Bayview Avenue – Sidewalk-bike trail, decorative railing. Transportation Reconstruction.
Dixon Road	@ Martin Grove Road – Concrete median planter and shrubs, street trees in grass. Transportation Resurfacing.
Royal York Road	Dundas Street to Ashley Road – Decorative lighting, street trees in grass. Transportation Reconstruction.
Scarlett Road	@ Humber River Bridge – Decorative lighting, railing. Transportation, Bridges Rehabilitation.
ROUTES 2009 – “B” LIST – ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS	
STREET	DESCRIPTION
Lawrence Avenue East	Details to be developed in conjunction with Transportation Resurfacing.
Morningside Avenue	Details to be developed in conjunction with Transportation Reconstruction.
Jane Street	Details to be developed in conjunction with Transportation Resurfacing.
Marlee Avenue	Details to be developed in conjunction with Transportation Resurfacing.
Steeles Avenue	Details to be developed in conjunction with Transportation Resurfacing.
W. R. Allen Road	Details to be developed in conjunction with Transportation Resurfacing.
Kingston Road	Details to be developed in conjunction with TTC Track Replacement & Transportation Resurfacing.
Queen St. East	Details to be developed in conjunction with TTC Track Replacement & Transportation Resurfacing.
Wellington Street West	Details to be developed in conjunction with Transportation Resurfacing.
Yonge Street	Details to be developed in conjunction with Transportation Resurfacing.
Belfield Road	Details to be developed in conjunction with Transportation Resurfacing.
Martin Grove Road	Details to be developed in conjunction with Transportation Resurfacing.
Islington Avenue	Details to be developed in conjunction with Transportation Resurfacing.
Lawrence Avenue West	Details to be developed in conjunction with Transportation Resurfacing.
The West Mall	Details to be developed in conjunction with Transportation Reconstruction.
Weston Road	Details to be developed in conjunction with Transportation Resurfacing.