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2009 BUDGET BRIEFING NOTE

Transportation Services Capital Budget - Bike Plan

Issue/Background:

The City has established a goal to complete the Toronto Bike Plan by 2012. The most significant element of the Bike Plan to be completed is the 1,000 km Bikeway Network. The Bikeway Network consists of three bikeway types: bicycle lanes; shared roadway routes; and off-road paths. The current status of the Network is presented in Table 1 below;

Table 1 - Existing and Planned Bikeway Kilometres

	Bikeways Types			
Status	Bike Lanes	Shared Roadways	Off-Road Paths	Total
Existing	91	138	166	395
Planned*	495	260	249	1004

**City of Toronto Bike Plan, June 2001*

Key Points:

Coordination of Off-Street and On-Street Bikeways

- In order to enhance coordination of the implementation of on-street bikeways and off-street bikeways, Transportation Services is assuming responsibility for planning, design and construction for new and upgraded Bike Plan-related trails, including those trails in parks.
- Bike Plan capital funding is recommended to be consolidated in the Transportation Services Capital Budget, including the transfer of the existing PF&R Bike Plan-related trails funding, effective January 2009.
- Transportation Services will manage the Bike Plan capital funding and lead design and implementation of the trail projects - a "Trails Team" representing Transportation, PF&R and TRCA is being established to coordinate work across the three service providers.
- Bikeway capital funding which was previously contained in the Transportation and PF&R 5-Year Capital Forecasts (2014-2018) have been brought forward into to the Transportation

Services' 5-Year Recommended Capital Plan (2009-2013) which, consequently, has been increased from \$30.10 million to \$69.34 million over five years (see table below).

Table 2 - Transportation Services: Bike Plan 5- Year Capital Plan (in \$000,000)

Funding Source	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Transportation	6.00	6.00	6.80	6.80	7.00	32.6
PF&R	0.50	1.85	2.50	1.20	1.90	7.95
Province	0.54	4.90	9.60	13.75	0	28.79
Total by Year	7.04	12.75	18.90	21.75	8.90	69.34

Key Changes in the Recommended 5-Year Capital Plan

- The consolidation of Bike Plan funding in Transportation Services' Recommended 5-Year Capital Plan has resulted in two important changes:
 - there were approximately \$18 million of "unfunded" Bike Plan trails (new and upgrades) which are now funded by re-allocating funds which were originally allocated for Hydro Corridor Trails; and
 - funding for the Hydro Corridor trails project is being requested from the Provincial Government via Metrolinx's Draft Regional Transportation Plan which is recommending \$20 million in annual funding for active transportation projects across the GTAH over 15 years, for a total of \$300 million.
- In order to increase the number of cycling projects implemented over the next four years (2009-12) Transportation Services is increasing the number of staff dedicated to cycling infrastructure by 3.
- Full funding to complete the Bike Plan by 2012, including 404 km of bike lanes, 122 km of shared roadways, and 83 km of off-road paths.

Some Key Bikeway Projects for 2009:

- complete detailed design for the CN Leaside Rail Trail and tender for construction for 2010
- upgrade Eglinton West Path (Scarlett Road to Jane Street)
- 100 km of new on-street bikeways (bicycle lanes and shared roadway routes)

Bicycle Parking

Toronto has the most extensive bicycle parking program of any North American city. Key bicycle parking facilities that will be completed in 2009 include:

- roll-out of new post-and ring design and retrofit of 3,000 existing bicycle racks
- installation of 1,000 new post-and-ring bicycle parking racks
- 100 new bicycle lockers at subway stations
- opening of Toronto's first Bicycle Station - secure parking facility for 180 bicycles at Union Station

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