

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: October 19, 2011

SUBJECT: EASIER ACCESS PHASE III
KEELE STATION

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission approve retaining the current schedule to have Keele Station fully accessible by 2018 noting that the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit (ACAT) supports this recommendation.

FUNDING

There are no funding implications with this report.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2011, the Commission approved the following motion, *"On behalf of the large number of seniors in the area of Keele Subway Station that staff review the feasibility of expediting the installation of elevator service at Keele Station noting that 2018 is the current implementation date for this project."*

Since March 1990, the Commission has set the goal of making all TTC services and facilities accessible to people with disabilities. To date, 30 stations have been made accessible and the Easier Access Phase III project is scheduled to make the remaining subway stations accessible by 2025 with the addition of elevators, easier access fare gates, automatic sliding doors, and other modifications.

DISCUSSION

A study to set the priority of construction of the remaining stations was completed and a priority listing of the remaining stations was determined in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) in 2006. Completion of the Easier Access Phase III Capital Project was extended from 2020 to 2025 due to the lack of funds and this is reflected in the current Easier Access Phase III schedule, included as Appendix A. Keele Station is scheduled to be made accessible by 2018 with the design commencing in 2015.

Typically, an Easier Access project in a station involves a design and construction duration of approximately three years. Therefore, should the design start now, the earliest Keele Station could be made accessible is by 2015.

The acceleration of the design and construction at Keele Station from 2018 to a 2015 completion date would require moving the construction ahead of other stations which have been given a higher priority by ACAT.

Furthermore, on August 17, 2011, staff discussed this request with the ACAT Design Review Subcommittee (DRS) and they recommended that the priorities for Easier Access Phase III schedule should remain, noting the following:

- *The station priority listing has been established after detailed review in consultation with ACAT. Several criteria were used to determine the priority listing including ridership levels, proportion of ridership by seniors and disabled people, geographic location, transfers between transportation modes, and various other factors,*
- *Increases in the number of senior citizens is common throughout the subway system,*
- *Between 2004 and 2010, Ridership at Keele Station has decreased while it has increased at many other stations, and*
- *DRS felt that if additional funds were provided to accessibility projects, they should be allotted to the entire program, without favouring any particular station.*

Based on the above, staff recommend retaining the current schedule for elevator installation at Keele Station.

JUSTIFICATION

This report responds to the request made by the Commission at its July 6, 2011 Commission Meeting.

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Attachment: Appendix A

APPENDIX A

Easier Access Phase III

<u>Location</u>	<u>In Service</u>
St. Andrew	2011
Pape	2012
Dufferin	2013
St Clair West	2014
Coxwell	2014
Ossington	2014
Wilson	2014
King	2015
Woodbine	2015
Royal York	2015
Yorkdale	2015
Runnymede	2015
Donlands	2016
Bay	2016
St Patrick	2016
Lawrence	2017
Greenwood	2017
Dupont	2017
KEELE	2018
Sherbourne	2018
College	2018
Lansdowne	2018
Spadina YUS	2018
Lawrence East	2019
Castle Frank	2020
Wellesley	2020
Christie	2020
Rosedale	2021
Chester	2021
Museum	2021
High Park	2022
Summerhill	2022
McCowan	2022
Old Mill	2023
Glencairn	2023
Midland	2024
Ellesmere	2024
Islington	2025
Warden	2025