

# TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

**MEETING DATE:** August 23, 2010

**SUBJECT:** STATUS UPDATE: 145 DOWNTOWN / HUMBER BAY  
EXPRESS ROUTE

## **ACTION ITEM**

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Commission:

- 1) Note that the 145 DOWNTOWN / HUMBER BAY EXPRESS bus route will continue its trial operation until additional ridership data has been collected, analyzed, and reported to the Commission, which will likely result in the trial continuing until early 2011; and
- 2) Forward this report to Councillor Mark Grimes.

### **FUNDING**

This report has no effect on the TTC operating or capital budgets.

### **BACKGROUND**

At the Commission meeting of July 14, 2010, the Commission considered correspondence from Councillor Grimes requesting that the building of the Park Lawn streetcar loop be moved forward and, failing that, that the trial operation of the 145 DOWNTOWN/HUMBER BAY EXPRESS bus route be extended for an additional year.

The Commission received the communication and requested staff to report back on extending the trial of the 145 DOWNTOWN / HUMBER BAY EXPRESS bus route.

This report responds to that request.

### **DISCUSSION**

Funding for the construction of the Park Lawn streetcar loop, which is currently below the line, will be considered during the 2011-2015 Capital Budget review process.

The 145 DOWNTOWN / HUMBER BAY EXPRESS bus route began operation on October 19, 2009. As with all new TTC services, the route is being operated on a trial basis. Ridership counts

are typically taken after at least six months of non-summer operation, in order to let customers become accustomed to the new service. Once the counts are received, TTC staff evaluate the ridership of the service, consult with the operators and customers of the route, and prepare a post-implementation review of the service.

On the 145 DOWNTOWN / HUMBER BAY EXPRESS route, an early passenger count was conducted in March 2010 which showed that ridership was very low. Further counts will be taken in the fall of 2010, and these will be used for the post-implementation review of the route. It is anticipated that this review will be complete in early 2011 and will be presented to the Commission at that time. The service will continue to operate during this trial period and until the Commission makes a decision regarding the long-term status of the service.

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