
Subject: Gross Budget Adjustment for the St. Paul Street West CNR Bridge (Structure 08125) Replacement in the City of St. Catharines

Report to: Public Works Committee

Report date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Recommendations

1. That a capital budget adjustment in the amount of \$6,805,204 gross and \$0 net **BE APPROVED** for the St. Paul Street West CNR Bridge (Structure 08125) Replacement Project (the “Project”) with funding from a cost sharing agreement with The Corporation of the City of St. Catharines (the “City of St. Catharines”);
2. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to negotiate a cost sharing agreement with the City of St. Catharines for the St. Paul Street West CNR Bridge (Structure 08125) Replacement Project, provided the cost apportionment attributable to the City of St. Catharines is reflective of the City’s proportionate share of all Project costs inclusive of all incremental works requested, and properly funded, by the City of St. Catharines; and
3. That the Commissioner of Public Works **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the Cost Sharing Agreement between The Regional Municipality of Niagara and the City of St. Catharines, in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal and Court Services.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek Council’s approval to increase the gross budget for Project 10RC1566 (St. Paul Street West CNR Bridge (Structure 08125) Replacement) by \$6,805,204 and to authorize staff to negotiate and enter a cost sharing agreement with the City of St. Catharines in connection with the St. Paul Street West CNR Bridge (Structure 08125) Replacement Project, in the City of Catharines.
- To date, Council has approved a total project budget of \$27,850,000 to facilitate the environmental assessment, detailed design, property acquisition and utility relocations for this project.
- The City of St. Catharines is a cost sharing partner in this project and has a total estimated contribution of \$8,088,454 (including non-recoverable HST).

- Together with a prior approved cost share budget of \$1,283,250 for the City of St. Catharines, a gross budget adjustment of \$6,805,204 (including non-recoverable HST) is required to reflect the total cost sharing contribution for the City of St. Catharines.
- Subject to Council approval of this report, a cost sharing agreement will be negotiated and entered into between the Region and the City of St. Catharines to reflect all works and related costs.

Financial Considerations

To facilitate the environmental assessment, detailed design, property acquisition and utility relocations for this project, Council previously approved a budget of \$13,250,000. As part of the 2024 capital budget, Council has approved an additional \$14,600,000 to meet the Region's overall project needs for a total project budget of \$27,850,000.

The City of St. Catharines is a cost sharing partner in this project and has a total estimated contribution of \$8,088,454 (including non-recoverable HST) related to the reconstruction of Ridley Road, construction of the new GO Station access road, and for infrastructure upgrades on Regional Road 81 (St. Paul Street West). A formal cost sharing agreement will be entered into with the City of St. Catharines for the City works related to this project. Together with a prior approved cost share budget of \$1,283,250 for the City of St. Catharines, a gross budget adjustment of \$6,805,204 (including non-recoverable HST) is required to cover the total cost sharing contribution for the City of St. Catharines.

A full budget breakdown can be found in Appendix 2 to Report PW 19-2024 (Total Estimated Project Cost).

Analysis

- Contract No. 2023-T-249 - GO Station Precinct Development Project scope of works to be undertaken include:
 - St. Paul Street West CNR Bridge replacement (Niagara Region, CNR, St. Catharines)
 - Station access road from Ridley Road to the St. Catharines GO Station (Niagara Region and City of St. Catharines)
 - Ridley Road Reconstruction (City of St. Catharines)

- The City of St. Catharines has requested that Niagara Region undertake work on their behalf for the reconstruction of Ridley Road and the construction of the new access road to the GO Station. The City of St. Catharines cost share contribution is estimated to be \$8,088,454 (including non-recoverable HST) which includes \$1,283,250 of prior approved cost sharing and the current \$6,805,204 Gross Budget Adjustment ask.
- The City of St. Catharines is a cost sharing partner in this project, and as such has been included throughout the project. The City of St. Catharines has Council approved budgets to fund the reconstruction of Ridley Road, construction of the new GO Station access road, and for infrastructure upgrades on Regional Road 81 (St. Paul Street West).
- To undertake the above planned works for the City of St. Catharines, Niagara Region and the City must enter into a formal cost sharing agreement.
- The final cost sharing contribution from the City of St. Catharines will be based on actual construction values.

Alternatives Reviewed

- (i) Do nothing (not recommended):
 - This will not provide the necessary funds required to complete the required works associated with the City of St. Catharines components of the project.
- (ii) Initiate funding through gross budget adjustment and enter into a cost sharing agreement with City for the construction (recommended):
 - Provides the necessary funding for the expansion of GO Transit and the GO Station Precinct Development project.
 - Provides the Region with an agreement providing the commitment of payment for actual costs incurred, including all surcharges and non-recoverable HST.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

Effective Region, the regional road network serves to provide critical links for the movement of goods throughout the Region. Many transport services rely upon the Regional Road network to assist in the movement of goods to businesses across the Region. Businesses count on the continuity of the Regional Road system to effectively plan routing to minimize travel times and maximize efficiencies. The recommendations in this report are intended to restore the current link that is not available in the timeliest manner.

Prosperous Region, the current recommendation invests and enhances access to transit, active transportation, and other transportation systems in the region. The current recommendations support the expansion of GO Transit and are part of the GO Station Precinct overall plan.

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Appendices

Appendix 1	Key Plan
Appendix 2	Total Estimated Project Cost
Appendix 3	Project No. 10RC1566 (GO Station Precinct Development) CS Cost Estimate 3-Way (2024.04.25)
Appendix 4	Other Pertinent Reports
Appendix 5	City of St. Catharines Confirmation Email