

Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Funded Project Extension

Recommendation:

That the Resolution To Request An Extension For Infrastructure Projects Under Canada's Economic Action Plan, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the January 19, 2011, Transportation Department report 2011TD4438, be approved.

Report Summary

An extension to the deadline for completion of the LRT Signals Project to maintain Infrastructure Stimulus Fund funding eligibility is required.

Report

On December 2, 2010, the Government of Canada announced a one-time extension to the construction deadline for infrastructure projects funded under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund from March 31, 2011, to October 31, 2011.

The extension was granted to allow for the completion of projects that are at risk of not being completed by March 31, 2011.

One of the conditions of granting an extension to such a project is a motion from Council requesting the extension.

Project 09-66-1296 was approved by Council as part of the fall 2009 Supplementary Capital Budget Adjustment.

The LRT Signal Replacement project is at risk of not being completed by March 31, 2011, due to delays in construction related to weather and design issues. The original schedule to complete the project was very tight. Installation of the new system is complex because the line has to continue to operate during the installation.

Corporate Outcomes

Transform Edmonton's Urban Form: Renewal of existing infrastructure.

Budget/Financial Implications

Project 09-66-1296, Replace LRT Signal System, is approved at \$31.1 million financed by Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Grant (Federal) \$9.932 million, Tax-Supported Debt \$9.932 million, Municipal Sustainability Initiative \$9.932 million, Fuel Rebate \$1.3 million.

Approximately \$6.3 million is expected to be paid in May and June 2011 as a result of the construction delays. Approximately \$2.1 million is the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund Federal share of these costs.

Justification of Recommendation

Approval of the resolution to extend the deadline for this Infrastructure Stimulus Fund project allows the City to take advantage of the offer by the Government of Canada to secure the federal share of funds to complete this project. There is a \$2.1 million risk of federal funding if the project deadline is not extended.

Attachments

1. Resolution to Request an extension for Infrastructure Projects for

Infrastructure Projects Under
Canada's Economic Action Plan

Others Reviewing this Report

- L. Rosen, Chief Financial Officer and
Treasurer

Resolution to Request an Extension for Infrastructure Projects

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS UNDER CANADA'S ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS the federal and provincial/territorial governments will make a one-time extension of the deadline for funding of projects under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and the Building Canada Fund – Communities Top-Up from March 31, 2011 to October 31, 2011;

AND WHEREAS all funding from the Government of Canada and the Province/Territory will cease after October 31, 2011;

AND WHEREAS the City of Edmonton has asked the provincial government for an extension to federal and Province/Territory funding to October 31, 2011 for the following projects:

Project number	Project title	Total eligible cost	Federal contribution
09-66-1296	Replace LRT Signal System (NE Signals Upgrade)	\$31,100,000	\$9,932,000

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Edmonton attests that it will continue to contribute its share of the required funding for the aforementioned projects;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT actual claims for all eligible costs incurred by March 31, 2011, for the aforementioned projects must be and will be submitted no later than April 30, 2011 to the Province/Territory;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City of Edmonton will ensure that the project will be completed.