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Green Line Federal Transit Fund Outline

Transportation Report to
Priorities and Finance Committee

2015 June 23

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Council Direction 2015 May 25 (NM2015-09)

- prepare a report and cost benefit analysis for City Council which outlines a project delivery model that could move straight to LRT on the Green Line
- outline a long term repayment framework contingent on contributions that could be jointly funded by The City, the Province and the Federal governments
- include a variety of initial phase project scopes, time frames for construction and financing as well as options to fund the line
- bring back an outline of this report to the 2015 June 23rd meeting of the Priorities and Finance Committee and the final Report to the 2015 December SPC on Transportation and Transit Meeting in conjunction with the Green Line Planning Study



Background

- Green Line delivery strategy, developed in 2012-2014, is predicated on the lack of sufficient funding for LRT
- The announcement of the Public Transit Fund by the Government of Canada opens the door to review that strategy



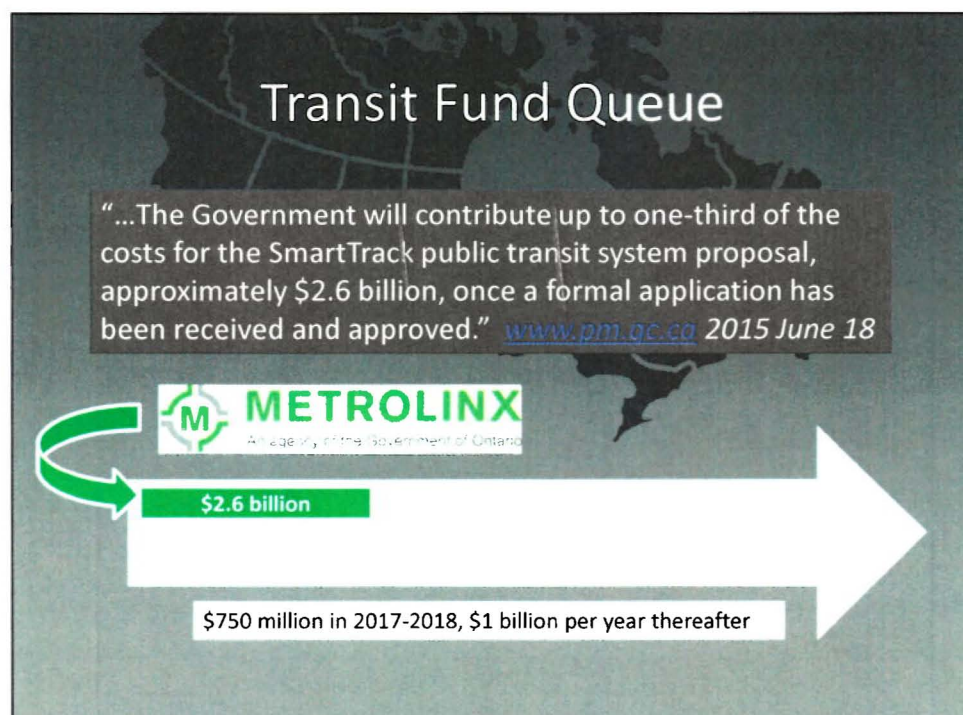
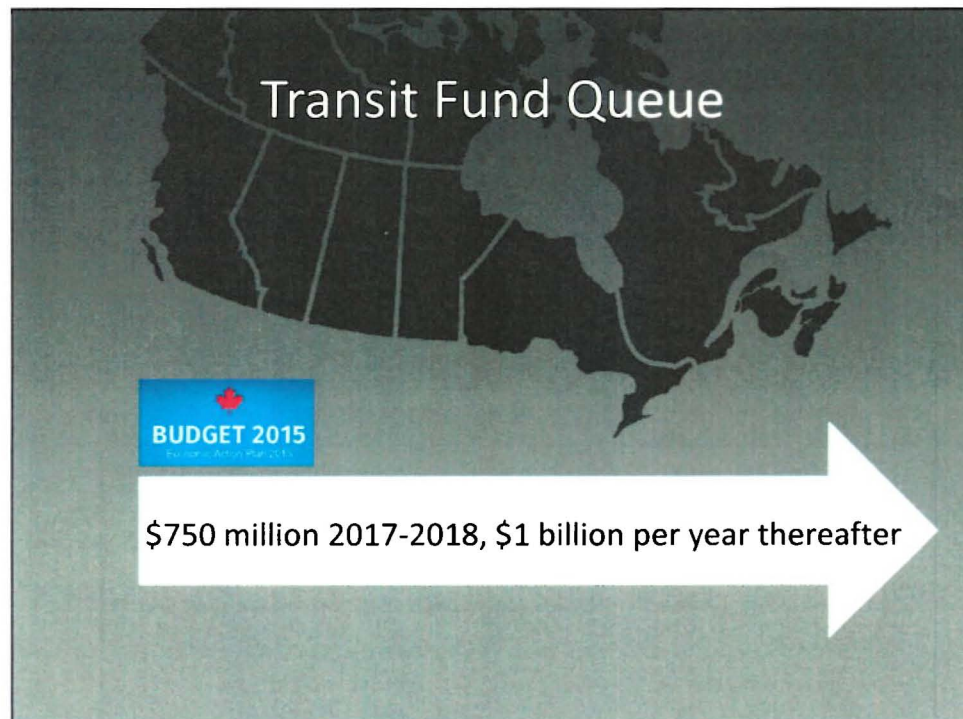
Government of Canada's Public Transit Fund

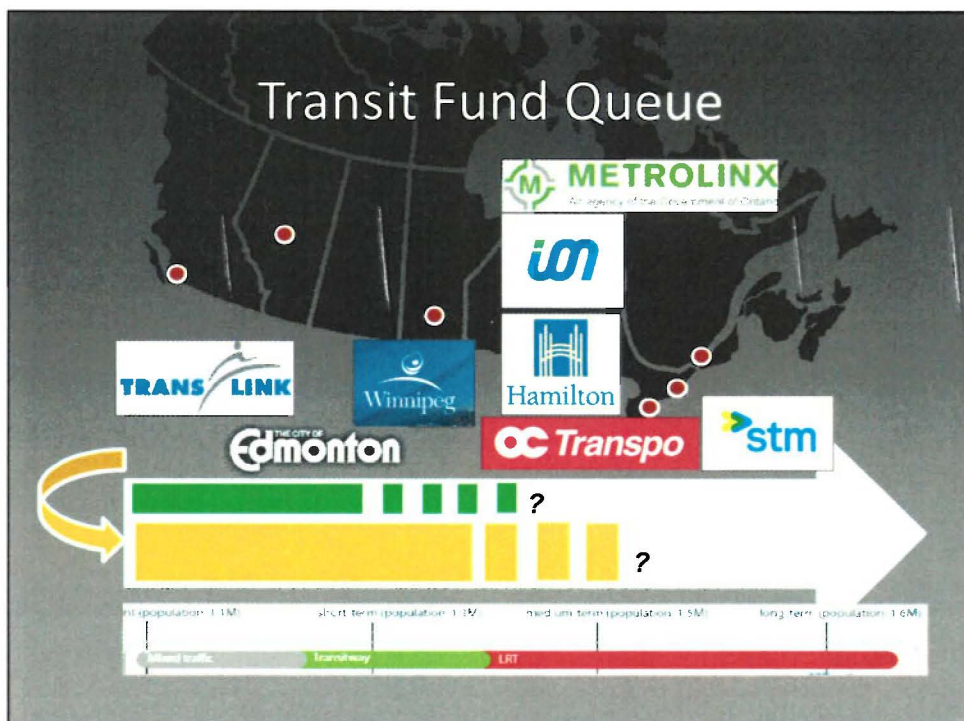
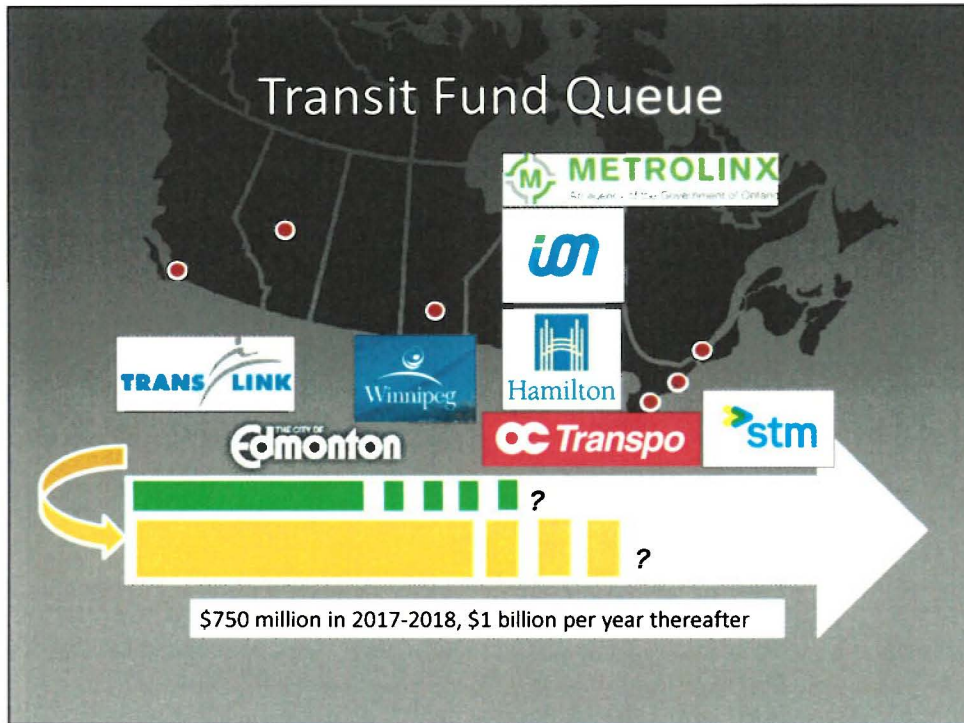
- Announced as part of Economic Action Plan 2015 in May
- Further details released by Prime Minister Harper on 2015 June 18:
 - Permanent support for large-scale public transit projects to address traffic congestion, reduce travel time for goods and people, and support economic growth in Canada's largest cities
 - To be eligible, projects must have a minimum of \$1 billion in total estimated eligible costs
 - Frees up funds under the Building Canada Plan and P3 Canada Fund that might have been used up by large-scale transit projects
 - Fund will support up to 1/3 of eligible project costs
 - Administered by PPP Canada Inc. on behalf of the Government of Canada
 - \$750 million in 2017 and 2018, and \$1 billion per year thereafter

Green Line and Federal Funding

Building Canada Fund	New Transit Fund
Announced in 2014	Announced in 2015
10-year fund, \$14 Billion across Canada	Ongoing future fund, 30+ years, \$1 Billion <u>per year</u> across Canada;
Green Line Transitway proposed – fits with stacking limits and Investing In Mobility funding envelopes (10-year fund → 10-year project)	Green Line Transitway <u>or</u> LRT proposed – fit with 30 year RouteAhead timeline for LRT on the Green Line (30+ year fund → LRT project)
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BCF or Public Transit Fund

Building Canada Fund

New Transit Fund

"... The PTF also frees up funds under the New Building Canada Plan and the P3 Canada Fund that might have been used up by large-scale transit projects. This will ensure that more funding under the Plan is available for infrastructure projects in municipalities across Canada, including smaller-scale transit projects in smaller communities." www.pm.gc.ca 2015 June 18

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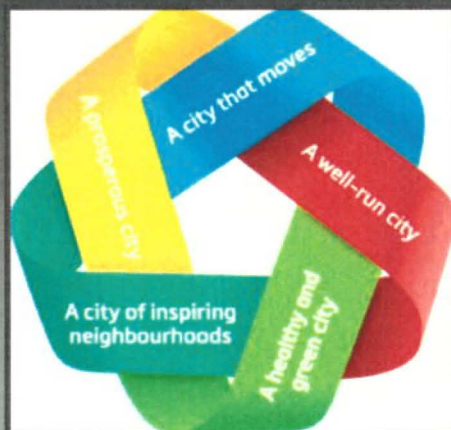
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Alternatives and Analysis

- Special project team created for next six months
 - Conduct analysis directed by Council
 - Prepare materials for Provincial and Federal governments
 - Monitor New Transit Fund guidelines and submissions
 - Deliver report to 2015 December S.P.C. on Transportation and Transit
- Able to respond sooner if submissions are requested
- Draft table of contents is included in Attachment 3 of the report

Aligning Benefit-Cost Analysis to Council Priorities



- Many benefits aligned with Council priorities
- Administration will work towards refining 'key measures' that inform comparative discussions on the various options

Managing Risks

- Full extent will emerge of competing demands and 'readiness' from across the country
- Federal election impacts
- Confusion between Build Canada Fund and Public Transit Fund applications
- Federal timing for 'Request for Submissions'

Mitigation

Dedicated team to:

- Monitor developments
- Communicate with Province and Federal Governments
- Keep Council informed of changes



Administration Recommendation

- That the Priorities and Finance Committee recommends that Council direct Administration to work with the Federal and Provincial governments on New Public Transit Fund guidelines and submission dates.