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TO: Planning and Budget Committee

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AGENDA ITEM: #8

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Project Planning Committee for New University of Toronto at Mississauga [UTM] Campus Entrance and Roadways.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Under the Policy on Capital Planning and Capital Projects, section 5.A, the membership and terms of reference of Project Committees shall be reported to the Planning and Budget Committee.

BACKGROUND:

The UTM Master Plan, dated June, 2000, confirmed the need for a new, third entrance to the UTM campus based on the total campus population, at that time, of just under 5,000. By September, 2003, student enrollment has now surpassed 8,000 and recent growth projections anticipate more than 11,500 students on campus within three years. Traffic congestion along the sole campus road frontage, namely Mississauga Road, as well as near the two existing access points continues to deteriorate.

UTM has worked closely with the City of Mississauga to reach the agreements necessary to resolve the traffic issues associated with campus expansion and to work through various preliminary design considerations. In keeping with the Master Plan, a new, third entrance at the south end of the campus, across from intersection of Mississauga Road and The Collegeway has been proposed. Despite the objections of surrounding neighbors, UTM's position has been that the new [Collegeway] campus entrance will only be installed concurrent with a larger [City] project to undertake the necessary roadway improvements to Mississauga Road. This latter city project would also include the appropriate left-turn lanes at the existing two entrances, north of the planned Collegeway entrance, on Mississauga Road.

Following more than two years of consultations, the City Council has endorsed the plan which includes both a new campus entrance and an improved Mississauga Road. The neighbours who objected to the *roadway improvements* portion of the City's plan have lodged an appeal and a ruling is expected by the end of February, 2004.

City Council also approved the sale of the “Springbank” property to UTM. The route of the new campus entrance will traverse the edge of that property and the future conversion of that property into a *welcome centre* to the campus must be taken into account in the design of the new entrance.

Because of the intense traffic pressures throughout the academic year, significant roadway improvements to Mississauga Road may only be undertaken in the *off* season from mid-May to the end of August. If the final provincial approval of the City’s plans for Mississauga Road are received in February, design details and tender documents must be finalized in time to allow a May, 2004 project start.

UTM’s existing capital plan provides for the new Collegeway entrance. Stage 1 of this plan, initiated in 2002 was the installation of a construction access road positioned along the same route as the planned new Collegeway entrance. The proposed project is to convert and upgrade this early construction road into the new Collegeway entrance to the University of Toronto at Mississauga.

PROPOSED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Paul Donoghue, [Chair] Chief Administrative Officer, UTM
Mark Overton, Dean of Student Affairs, UTM
Sol Kessler, Director, Facility Resources, UTM
Scott Monroe, Chair, Parking and Transportation Subcommittee, UTM
Adil Mirza, President, Erindale College Student Union
Jennifer Harkness, Co-President, Association of Graduate Students at Erindale
Gail Milgrom, Office of the Vice-Provost, Space and Facilities Planning
Julian Binks, Facilities and Services
Ben Louie, Capital Projects Department

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

The Project Committee will be chaired by Paul Donoghue, Chief administrative Officer at UTM. The terms of reference for the Project Committee are as follows:

1. With reference to the University of Toronto at Mississauga’s Master Plan 2000, projected enrollment growth at the UTM campus, the placement & preliminary design of approved new buildings, and the plans of the City of Mississauga for roadway improvements, recommend a detailed layout, design and landscaping requirements for a new main campus entrance adjacent to the intersection of Mississauga Road and The Collegeway.
2. Identify any site-specific constraints and requirements related to the configuration of the new entranceway as outlined in the Master Plan 2000.
3. Recommend an overall design aesthetic for the new campus entrance which incorporates the recently acquired “Springbank” property and which recognizes the objective of UTM to use the Springbank property as a Welcome Centre to the campus in the near term.
4. Make recommendations for any related improvements to the campus’ internal road system, [including but not limited to possible changes to the existing main drop-off/pick-up site in front of the South Building] which may be a secondary effect of traffic patterns changed by a new entrance.

5. Develop an overall project planning proposal which identifies possible staging of the various project component parts, recognizing that the new entranceway will be required to accommodate heavy construction traffic through to at least September, 2006.
6. Identify any secondary effects.
7. Identify all resource implications and the sources of funding. Include a preliminary estimate of capital costs, financing and cash flow costs and all projected increases to the annual operating costs of the University.
8. Recommend detail time-lines for the new Collegeway entrance consistent with and support of the final plans of the City of Mississauga for roadway improvements.
9. Report as soon as possible.