REPORTS

Item No. 3  Automatic Fare Collection System (Project No. 4230001409) – Financial Status Report No. 14 for the Period Ending December 31, 2015

STANDING COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Standing Policy Committee on Finance concurred the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and received as information the financial status of the Automatic Fare Collection System Replacement Project, as contained in the report.
DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Lukes,

That the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service be concurred in.

Carried
Administrative Standard No. FM-004 requires quarterly reporting to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This is a multi-phase capital project that has already updated Transit’s fare collection hardware with electronic fareboxes and will introduce a smart card system for fare payments to replace paper tickets and passes. This updated technology will provide more flexibility and convenience for passengers to purchase fare products and will enhance security and data collection over the previous fare collection system.

**IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

None.
On February 22, 2006, Council approved the report submitted by the Transit Department entitled Implementation Plan for Rapid Transit Task Force Recommendations. The implementation plan included a recommendation that the existing fareboxes be replaced with an automated fare collection system. The fareboxes dated back to the early 20th Century and had been out of production for decades. Implementation of a new fare collection system was intended to modernize and simplify the fare collection process, provide more convenience and options for passengers, and improve the security of fare collection.

The Automatic Fare Collection System has a total budget of $17.74 million; $15.24 million was approved in the 2011 and earlier Capital Budgets and Council approved the transfer of an additional $2.5 million from surpluses in the 2011 Transit Buses Capital Project and the Transit System Funds retained earnings at its meeting of July 20, 2011.

MAJOR PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE

Administrative policy for projects with capital costs exceeding $10 million requires formation of a Major Capital Project Steering Committee. The Committee has been formed and its members are:

Paul Olafson, Corporate Controller, Corporate Finance Department
Clive Wightman, Director of Community Services
Dave Wardrop, Director of Transit

The Committee has reviewed this report and recommends that the report be sent to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance.

PROJECT STATUS

The project remains within budget but is behind schedule.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Fare collection is a core element of Transit’s business and has an impact on the operations of every division within the department. This is an extremely complex technology project involving the installation of electronic validating fareboxes on Transit’s fleet and the implementation of a smart card-based automatic fare payment system that is supported by the necessary financial and information technology hardware and software systems.

The electronic validating fareboxes have been configured to accept coins and valid tokens only and collect, secure, reliably count and report all fare payments. They have been configured to print and validate transfers. They have also been equipped to read and write to contactless electronic smart cards.

Pre-purchased fare products will be offered on electronic smart cards. These cards will contain a record of the payment, including the time of payment, and will constitute the “transfer” to permit the passenger to board another bus for free during the valid time period.
Retail outlets, as well as telephone and on-line systems, will be used by passengers to conveniently reload transit products or value onto the reloadable electronic smart cards.

As an enhancement to this project, Transit will introduce a single ride token that will be used exclusively for schools and social service agencies. The tokens have been produced by the Royal Canadian Mint and have a unique electro-magnetic signature that will be verified by the new fareboxes to prevent counterfeiting. The tokens should last a minimum of 10 years.

The primary contract for the supply of the automatic fare collection system was awarded to Garival Inc. of Laval, Quebec in the estimated amount of $12,934,470.00 before all taxes in January 2012.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE**

The Automatic Fare Collection System Project is being delivered in two phases. Phase 1 was completed in June 2013 and consisted of the installation of the new fareboxes on the entire bus fleet. Paper tickets and monthly and weekly flash passes will continue to be used during Phase 1 and early in Phase 2 of the project.

Smart cards are being implemented as Phase 2 of the project. The smart card system has been in development since 2013. The complexity of the implementation has required more system development, verification and rework than was initially anticipated and this has caused the project to fall behind schedule.

Detailed System Integration Testing has been underway in Transit’s and the system developer’s test lab environments since October 2014 and has continued throughout the course of this reporting period. In addition to lab testing, field testing is being used to verify the critical functions required to purchase fare products, manage the card inventory, use the smart cards on buses and create system reports. The field tests are intended to generate large volumes of test transactions using Transit employees and in service buses and will verify the operation of all hardware and software systems.

Field Test One occurred in June 2015 and generated over 100,000 smart card transactions on 340 buses. This test identified a number of areas in the system that required debugging and rework. Transit representatives attended the smart card system development site in Chicago in September 2015 and observed a successful comprehensive test of the system. This version of the system was installed and lab tested in Winnipeg in October and November 2015. Field Test Two occurred in November and December 2015. This field test identified two farebox hardware issues and a few minor software bugs that must be corrected before the system is ready for implementation.

The decision to implement the smart card system will not be made until the entire system successfully completes all lab and field testing. This is expected to be completed Spring 2016 to allow the cards to be introduced to the public in a staged roll out beginning in early summer 2016.
The delivery of the project is being accomplished through seven separate contracts that were awarded as shown in the table below.

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<th>Bid Opportunity Number</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Date of Contract Award</th>
<th>Estimated Completion Date</th>
<th>Award Amount</th>
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<td>The Gooderham Group - Consultant Services for the Update of Transit Fare Collection Systems and Technology</td>
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<td>925-2010</td>
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<td>May 7, 2012</td>
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Total Award Amount
$14,493,294.00

¹A portion of these awards have been charged to separate projects as the contract work spanned multiple projects ($461,125.00)

Total Award Amount Applied to Fare Collection $14,032,169.00

**RISK AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES**

This new technology must undergo extensive testing and verification before it can be introduced to the public. Rushing the development and testing in the interests of rapid deployment creates a risk that the system provided to the public will contain defects that impact their ability to purchase or use fare products. Several recent smart card implementations in North America have had to be pulled back after introduction or have caused substantial passenger dissatisfaction when systems did not function properly.
The risk of delay in the development of the smart card technology has been mitigated with the two phase implementation. With a phased implementation, the coin validating and automated transfer verification technology have already been placed into service.

The risks of technical or card distribution problems following the smart card implementation are being mitigated by extensive testing at the contractor’s test environment, Transit’s test environment and in service. Smart cards will be introduced by passenger classes beginning with Handi-Transit registrants, seniors, youth, full fare, eco pass and post-secondary customers. During the roll out, paper passes and tickets will not be phased out until the volume of smart cards sold is sufficient to avoid a surge in demand and excessive line ups at card distribution points.

This project is in part financed by the Manitoba Winnipeg Infrastructure Fund. The commitment expired on March 31, 2015. The City put forward a request to the Province in March requesting the deadline be extended to claim the remaining commitment of $1.8 million. The Province approved the funding extension to March 31, 2017 on September 30, 2015.

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

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<th>Project Component</th>
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<th>Value/Cost Estimate</th>
<th>Variance Budget to Contract Value/Cost Estimate</th>
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**Summary**

Contracts Issued to Date: $14,032,169

Total Change Orders (Garival): $338,222

Other Project Costs (Provincial Retail Sales Tax, Overheads, Salaries, Communication and Other Contingencies): $3,369,609

**Total Approved Budget:** $17,740,000

No change orders were approved during this reporting period. In total, eighteen change orders with Garival were implemented at a total net cost, before taxes, of $338,222.40.

Budget revisions will be accommodated in the External Contracts portion of the project.

Professional Services include the following:
1. Technical engineering consultation on the design and testing of the fare collection system;
2. External auditing of systems and procedures necessary to secure revenue; and
3. Marketing to effectively communicate the changes to the public.

Other equipment includes the following:

1. Infrastructure changes and equipment in Transit garage buildings and treasury to allow secure revenue servicing and coin handling;
2. The communications hardware required for the new fareboxes to exchange route and bus stop information with the bus radio system and use the Wi-Fi system within Transit buildings to communicate with data servers to upload revenue collection information from the bus and download fare structure and smart card update information to the farebox on a daily basis.

The breakdown of payments under the Contract with Garival Inc. are itemized below. Phase 1 of the project consists of the installation of the great majority of the hardware necessary for the project including all fareboxes and cash vaults. The payment for this phase makes up 60% of the total value of the contract. A deficiency payment of 5% of the total contract is being retained from Phase 1 because the farebox transfer printers are not meeting reliability requirements. A written agreement regarding this deficiency payment has been accepted by Garival Inc. and will remain in place until the printers achieve specified reliability levels.

Phase 2 of the project is for the implementation of the smart card system and makes up 40% of the value of the contract. To date, 12.5% of the Phase 2 work has been deemed to be complete and paid. Further payments will be made as milestones are met by the contractor.

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<th>Garival Contract Details</th>
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The project cash flow is included in Appendix 1 (attached).
### FINANCIAL IMPACT

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| Project Name:             | Financial Impact Statement Date: February 5, 2016
|                           | Project Name: First Year of Program 2012
|                           | Automatic Fare Collection System – Financial Status Report
|                           | No. 14 for the Period Ending December 31, 2015

**Comments:**
There is no financial impact as this report is for information only.

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Tanis Yanchishyn, CPA, CA
Manager of Finance and Administration
CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

None

OURWINNIPEG POLICY ALIGNMENT

01-1b Key Directions for the Entire City – “Key Directions for Connecting and Expanding our Sustainable Transportation and Infrastructure Network.”
Create a safe, efficient and equitable transportation system for people, goods and services.

SUBMITTED BY

Department: Transit
Division: Plant and Equipment
Prepared by: Tony Dreolini, Manager of Plant & Equipment
Date: February 5, 2016
File No. 925-2010
### Appendix I

AUTOMATIC FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM  
TRANSIT DEPARTMENT  
_Asc of December 31, 2015_

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<th>Project Component</th>
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**Explanatory Notes**

1. Professional Services includes amounts for a communication/advertising campaign.
2. Prevailing market conditions increased expected costs.

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**AUTOMATIC FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM**  
**TRANSIT DEPARTMENT**  
As of December 31, 2015