

Permitting Motorcycles and Scooters Access to HOV Lanes

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To:	Public Works & Infrastructure Committee
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SUMMARY

Currently, motorcycles and scooters with one rider are not permitted to use HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) lanes. Ontario is the only jurisdiction in North America that does not allow motorcycles in HOV lanes, unless they are carrying a passenger. Motorcycles and scooters are environmentally friendly, in terms of fuel efficiency and reduced emissions, and their use should be encouraged. The City of Toronto should allow motorcycles and scooters that have one rider to use HOV lanes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee consider the following recommendations:

1. the General Manager Transportation Services, in consultation with the Deputy City Manager, report to the Committee at its June 27, 2007 meeting on amendments to allow motorcycles and scooters with one rider to use HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) lanes, and the earliest date by which this could be implemented.
2. the General Manager Transportation Services report to the Committee at its June 27, 2007 meeting on how the City can efficiently and economically make the public aware of new HOV permitted uses, thereby encouraging motorcycle and scooter use.

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