

March 28, 2007

Ms. Ulli Watkiss
City Clerk
City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
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Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Watkiss:

At its meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, the Commission considered the attached the report entitled, "Improvements to the 504 King Streetcar Service."

The Commission amended Recommendation No. 1 by adding the words "and that staff be requested to report back on rear-door loading" at the end of the first bullet; and further struck out the second bullet, so such Recommendation reads as follows:

"1. Request City Council to:

- approve, in principle, the installation of a temporary, reserved right-of-way on a four-to-five block section of King Street, as a demonstration project during July and August of 2008, using the design concept described in this report, and following a process similar to that used by the Toronto Waterfront Revitalisation Corporation in their demonstration of temporary modifications to Queens Quay, west of Bay Street, in August of 2006; and that staff be requested to report back on rear-door loading.
- expand the designated peak-periods on King Street – when parking, standing, and stopping prohibitions are in effect -- to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.;
- direct City staff to:
 - introduce the necessary by-laws to designate King Street, between Dufferin Street and Parliament Street, as a "Transit Priority Zone" where, similar to Community Safety Zones, fines for traffic and parking violations are doubled, and arrange for the installation of the associated signage to make motorists aware of the more-severe penalties;
 - immediately initiate, with the Province, the process necessary to expand the red-light camera enforcement program in Toronto to allow camera enforcement of

illegal left-turns, and of stopping and parking violations; and

- report back as soon as possible on the feasibility, and cost, of constructing taxi lay-bys on King Street where taxis now block the curb lanes at the office towers between York Street and Bay Street;
- direct Toronto Police Service to commit resources for the continual and ongoing enforcement of all applicable traffic regulations within the King Street Transit Priority Zone.”

The Commission approved Recommendation Nos. 2 and 3 contained in the report, as listed below:

- “2. Note that, as long as this very busy and frequent route continues to operate in mixed traffic, there is little that the TTC can do to bring about truly high-quality, reliable service on the 504 King streetcar route; only marginal improvements will be achievable; and
3. Forward this report to the City of Toronto Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, the General Manager - Transportation Services, the Toronto Police Services Board, the Executive Director and Chief Planner - City Planning Department, and the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority.”

The foregoing is forwarded to the City of Toronto Public Works and Infrastructure Committee for consideration of the Commission’s request embodied in Recommendation No. 1 above.

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo
General Secretary
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Attachment