



Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM41.7	ACTION			Ward: 18
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Gladstone Avenue and Peel Avenue Environmental Assessment and Road Reconstruction Project, by Councillor Giambrone, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pantalone

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Giambrone, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pantalone, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, to complete the Environmental Assessment for Peel Avenue and Gladstone Avenue and report the results and final recommendations to the February 2, 2010 meeting of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.
2. City Council direct the Executive Director, Technical Services, in collaboration with the General Managers of Transportation Services and Toronto Water, to begin detailed design work and preparation of the Request for Proposal (RFP) as soon as possible, so that the project can be tendered immediately after the Environmental Assessment is approved by Council and the Minister of the Environment, with the goal of completing all construction work by the end of 2010.

Summary

For decades, Peel Avenue and Gladstone Avenue have operated as an extension of Dufferin Street, known as the Dufferin Jog, allowing traffic to detour around and under the railway corridor where the corridor severs Dufferin Street at Queen Street. As a result, Peel and Gladstone carry high traffic volumes and experience a large amount of traffic congestion.

With the upcoming to completion in June 2010 of the Dufferin Jog Elimination Project, a new tunnel will connect Dufferin Street straight under the railway corridor at Queen Street. This new tunnel will make the jog onto Peel and Gladstone unnecessary. As a result, traffic volumes are expected to significantly decrease and the City has an opportunity to re-design these streets so as to provide them with a more residential character.

The City launched an Environmental Assessment process in May 2009 to examine design options for these streets and seek public feedback. This process is now significantly behind schedule, in large part due to this summer's labour disruption. The purpose of this motion is to provide new deadlines for staff in order to get this project back on track and complete the work by the end of 2010.

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