
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM51.7	ACTION			Ward: All
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Establishing Position of Construction "Project Lead" for Transportation Right-of-Way Capital Projects - by Deputy Mayor Pantalone, seconded by Councillor Thompson

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

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

1. City Council request the City Manager to report to the August 16, 2010 meeting of the Executive Committee on improving the efficiency and timeliness of construction projects on Transportation Rights-of-Way by establishing a "Project Lead" position with strong authority. Such a "Project Lead" would:
 - a. review and approve the timelines for project construction/completion;
 - b. have decision-making authority on all matters that would result in no delays in completion; and
 - c. be held accountable should any delays occur.

Summary

Over the past year, there have been a number of high profile delays in the completion of construction projects in our streets. Such delays have resulted in loss of business, frustration, reduced quality of life to many residents, pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists and a loss of trust in City Hall.

Torontonians' complaints regarding the St. Clair West LRT Project and the Bloor-Yorkville Project are fairly well documented. The same problem has arisen on Dundas Street West (West of Bathurst Street) where the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) streetcar tracks were scheduled for completion in 2007 and replaced in 2008. The reconstruction of the remaining roadway (and sidewalk) was promised in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010, and has yet to be delivered.

A "Project Lead" position should be introduced to co-ordinate, review, make decisions (often there are conflicting interests among the City's Agencies, Boards, Commissions, and Divisions, not to mention the various utilities) and would be held accountable for approved completion delays.

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