Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Economic Development Committee
10th Floor, West Tower, City Hall
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Dear Chair and Committee Members

**RE: MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE**

Any strategic plan to grow the City's economy must include recognition and address of the problem of traffic congestion which costs the City $3.3 billion per year. The GTA has one of the longest commute times in North America which directly impacts our local economy and ability to remain competitive in a global context.

In light of the report Economic Growth Plan, 2012-2014, and in anticipation of a final report that will come be forthcoming, it is recommended that the Economic Development Committee:

1) Direct the General Manager of Economic Development and Culture to include in the development of the City's Economic Growth plan:

   a) An analysis of the impact of traffic congestion on the City’s economy;
   b) A review of the City’s transportation hubs and ports and their importance to Toronto’s economy;
   c) The need for a goods movement strategy for the City;
   d) The importance of a comprehensive transit plan and transportation funding strategies for the City;
   e) A review of employment hub development and employee mobility issues in the City of Toronto.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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