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**City Council****Motion without Notice**

MM22.19	ACTION			Ward:All
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**Exploring rapid transit expansion under I-METRO-E- by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Chin Lee**

- \* *This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*
- \* *This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.*
- \* *This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Chin Lee, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager report to Council on the feasibility of supporting and development of the I-METRO-E line and the possibility that it could operate as an effective relief line for those traveling from the east and north east to get to the downtown core.

**Summary**

The CEO of TTC has indicated that a Downtown Relief Line is critical to deal with overcrowding and ensure access to the Yonge line for those traveling on the Bloor line from the east. The cost of the DRL is estimated to be \$4 Billion.

There is a proposal at Markham City Council for a Markham East Toronto Rail Ontario-Express (I-METRO-E) rail line to enable more frequent headways, and more frequent transit stops along the north-south rapid transit corridor between Stouffville and Union Station. This north-south corridor would also interconnect with a number of existing and planned east-west rapid transit corridors, including VIVA bus rapid transit, 407 Rail Transitway, Steeles BRT/LRT, Finch BRT/LRT, Sheppard, Eglinton - Crosstown, and Bloor-Danforth Subways, and Lakeshore East GO.

With the addition of more stops, this proposal might function as a relief line for those traveling from the east and north east and may prove to be more cost effective.

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