TORONIO Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

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In-Year Budget Reallocation for the TTC to meet Growing Ridership by Councillor Karen Stintz, seconded by Councillor Peter Milczyn

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 Stintz, seconded by Councillor Peter Milczyn, recommends that:

- 1. City Council approve an in-year increase of \$2.1 million in the TTC's 2012 operating expenditures to allow service to be improved, commencing September, 2012, from a level designed to carry 503 million annual passengers to a level appropriate for the currently-projected 512 million passengers which the TTC will carry in 2012;
- 2. City Council note that this change in operating costs will not affect the City's 2012 subsidy to the TTC because higher-than-forecast TTC ridership is expected to generate more than enough revenue to offset this required increase in operating expenditure.

Summary

Toronto Transit Commission ridership is exceeding budgeted figures for 2012. There is a requirement to add additional TTC service to meet ridership demand. The additional service is all within existing Commission-approved service standards.

At its meeting on May 30, 2012, the Toronto Transit Commission considered the attached report on additional operating resource requirements to meet increasing TTC ridership.

In order to meet this strong ridership demand, the TTC requires an increase to its operating expenditures by \$2.1 million. As the TTC has received higher than forecasted revenues through fares this increase request will not require an increase in City funding and can be absorbed through the increased farebox revenues. However, the City's financial control by-law requires City Council to approve any in-year reallocation of funds which exceed the approved TTC operating budget.

This is an urgent item requiring City Council approval. Referring the item to Budget Committee will delay the implementation of these TTC service improvements past September, 2012, because Budget Committee does not meet again until August and TTC Staff need sufficient time to implement approved, budgeted improvements to service.

(Submitted to City Council on June 6 and 7, 2012 as MM24.30)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM24.30 (May 30, 2012) Report from the Toronto Transit Commission on additional operating resource requirements to meet increasing TTC ridership (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-48229.pdf)