



Member Motion

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Subway Platform Safety Barriers - by Councillor Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor Doug Ford

** 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 Anthony Perruzza, seconded by Councillor Doug Ford, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission to:
 - a. install subway platform edge doors for all new subway stations along the Spadina Subway Extension and any future subway stations;
 - b. develop a plan to retroactively install subway edge doors at all existing TTC subway stations;
 - c. review all existing safety measures to prevent individuals from being injured by falling onto the subway tracks and actively advertise such measures; and
 - d. install additional subway track power-off switches at the centre of all existing subway station platforms.

Summary

The Toronto Transit Commission estimates there are 20 suicide attempts on subway platforms each year. In April 2013 alone, two individuals on separate events lost their balance and fell on the tracks due to medical emergencies.

An uncounted number of individuals end up on subway tracks each year as a result of mischief, the influence of alcohol/drugs, medical emergencies when standing too close and individuals attempting to rescue others. The installation of subway platform edge doors would prevent the public from accessing the subway track and will save lives.

This matter is urgent as subway station construction is underway and subway platform edge doors could be installed as part of construction. Subway platform edge doors are currently on the Toronto Transit Commission budget but are currently considered below the line

expenditures.

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Background Information (City Council)

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