

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Maintaining Traffic Flow in the Downtown Area - by Councillor Karen Stintz, seconded by Councillor John Parker

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Karen Stintz, seconded by Councillor John Parker recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to undertake the following initiatives to improve traffic flow in the downtown area as part of the Downtown Transportation Operations Study (DTOS):
 - a. review existing parking regulations in the downtown area to determine if the appropriate regulation (No Parking, No Standing, No Stopping), hours of operations and locations meet the current traffic conditions;
 - b. development of a Joint Enforcement Team consisting of representatives from the Toronto Police Services Toronto Parking Enforcement Unit and staff of Transportation Services to develop an aggressive action plan to address the impacts of illegally parked and stopped vehicles on arterial roads and in the downtown area; and
 - c. liaise with the Canadian Courier and Logistic Association and trucking associations, to develop solutions to improve the management of loading and unloading activity in the downtown area, such as:
 - i. specific hours for loading for couriers;
 - ii the implementation of designated loading zones for couriers; and
 - iii the implementation of a loading zone permit for couriers.

Summary

Illegal parking and stopping of personal vehicles and commercial delivery vehicles, particularly during rush hours in the downtown core and on major arterial roads, can significantly reduce roadway capacity, often creating avoidable congestion. This increased congestion affects the economic viability of the City of Toronto as well as the quality of life for people who live and

work in the downtown area.

Transportation Services Division staff are currently working on the Downtown Transportation Operations Study (DTOS) which includes the development of strategies to mitigate congestion and improve transportation operations. I am requesting City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to include these recommendations to improve traffic flow in the downtown area as part of the DTOS.

(Submitted to City Council on October 8 and 9, 2013 as Member Motion MM39.16)

Background Information (City Council)

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