
City Council

Notice of Motion

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City Involvement in GO Train Service Improvements within Toronto - by Councillor Chin Lee, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Communication MM41.15.1 has been submitted on this Item.

Recommendations

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

1. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to incorporate the report, "Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area Regional Rapid Rail: A Vision of the Future" prepared for Transport Action Ontario into the City of Toronto's Official Plan and the overall plan for the Toronto Region, a copy of the report which can be found here: <http://rrr.transport-action.ca/>
2. City Council request Metrolinx to review and incorporate the report, "Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area Regional Rapid Rail: A Vision of the Future" prepared for Transport Action Ontario into their overall transportation plan for the Greater Toronto and Golden Horseshoe Region.
3. City Council request the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) to coordinate with the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and Metrolinx on possible future service improvements to GO Transit's rail network to ensure that the transit interests of the City of Toronto are duly represented and integrated with regional requirements for the best transportation options.

Summary

Metrolinx announced as part of its "Next Wave Projects" it will expand two-way, all-day service across the GO Transit rail network.

Currently, GO trains stop at the stations within Toronto (with the exception of Union Station)

during rush hours only. There is considerable potential for increased ridership from within Toronto on the GO Transit rail network if two-way, all-day service were also provided to Toronto commuters on all existing and future GO Transit rail lines.

GO Transit's rail network is able to provide much more rapid service from the outer reaches of Toronto to the downtown core and is a significantly cheaper alternative to subway construction since much of the infrastructure already exists.

(Submitted to City Council on November 13 and 14, 2013 as MM41.15)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM41.15

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-63498.pdf>

Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area - Regional Rapid Rail - A Vision for the Future

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-63500.pdf>

Communications (City Council)

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