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To: Planning and Growth Management Committee

From: Councillor John Parker (Ward 26)

Re: The Crosstown "Green Trackway"

**Recommendation:**

That, given the environmental and streetscaping benefits of a "planted/green trackway" for the at-grade section of the Eglinton Crossown LRT, which runs from Leslie Street to Kennedy Station, City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to share with Metrolinx the work done by City staff on this subject and to work with Metrolinx to overcome any obstacles to inclusion of a "green trackway" in the plans for the LRT.

**Background:**

The Eglinton Connects Planning Study is moving forward with a vision for the future of Eglinton organized around the themes of: Building, Greening, and Travelling.

As part of the Greening theme, there is an opportunity to 'green' components of the Crosstown Light Rail Transit infrastructure investment, such as the station areas, platforms, and the surface trackway.

If the full trackway were comprised of organic material instead of pavement or gravel, it could add about 13 acres of 'green'. This would support the city's environmental objectives for improved air quality, reduced ambient noise, reduced heat island effects, and reduced storm water run off. Further investigations are merited.