August 20, 2014

Members of the Executive Committee,

Re: Deputy Mayor’s Roundtable on Gridlock and Traffic Congestion report and recommendations to reduce congestion.

Background:
One of the biggest challenges facing the City of Toronto and the surrounding region is gridlock. Businesses and residents across Toronto waste countless hours in traffic, which has resulted in an estimated productivity loss of over $6 billion annually. It is important that Toronto makes the right decisions to build transportation infrastructure that will reduce gridlock, move people quickly and improve productivity.

The attached report from the Deputy Mayor’s Roundtable on Gridlock and Traffic Congestion summarizes the February 28, 2014 Gridlock and Traffic Congestion Roundtable meeting that we co-chaired.

A diverse group of over two dozen participants provided valuable input on how the City can address some of the issues related to the City’s transportation networks. We are asking that the Executive Committee members adopt the recommendations within the report in order for Council to better manage traffic congestion to benefit travellers, businesses and the environment.

Sincerely,

Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly
Chair, Executive Committee

Councillor Michael Thompson
Chair, Economic Development & Culture Committee

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong
Chair, Public Works & Infrastructure Committee