

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM52.21	ACTION			Ward:All
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**Changes to the At-Grade Configuration of the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit Project - by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to a re-opening of Items EX41.2 and PG32.4. A two-thirds vote is required to re-open these Items.*

*\* If re-opened, the previous Council decision remains in force unless Council decides otherwise.*

### Recommendations

Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, seconded by Councillor Michael Thompson, recommends that:

1. City Council approve changes to the Eglinton Connects Planning Study to remove the green trackway; permit emergency vehicles to efficiently enter and exit the trackway when on emergency response calls; and create designated separated bike lanes made possible by the removal of the green trackway and its reconfiguration for use by emergency vehicles.

### Summary

The recommendations contained in the Eglinton Connects Planning Study – Final Directions first presented to the Planning and Growth Management Committee and subsequently approved at the Toronto City Council meeting (Item PG32.4 – May 6, 7 and 8, 2014) contains flaws that require changes to the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit project at grade configuration. These relate to the best practices for ensuring the efficient and timely movement of emergency vehicles along Eglinton Avenue East and the safety of cyclists along the route. The "greenway" along the trackway as outlined in the Eglinton Connects Planning Study impedes both of these basic requirements in terms of the configuration of the line at grade. In its current configuration, it prevents emergency vehicles from entering the trackway which in turn requires them to use vehicle lanes and therefore these vehicles are required to move to the right into bike lanes in order to permit the passage of emergency vehicles.

### REQUIRES RE-OPENING

Executive Committee Item EX41.2 headed "Metrolinx Rapid Transit Program - Allocation of the Public Realm Amount" and Planning and Growth Management Committee Item PG32.4

headed "Eglinton Connects Planning Study - Final Directions Report" adopted by City Council on May 6, 7 and 8, 2014, only as they pertain to the green trackway.

(Submitted to City Council on June 10 and 11, 2014 as MM52.21)

**Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM52.21

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-70081.pdf>)