

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM54.9	ACTION			Ward:All
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**Fostering Transit Innovation - by Councillor Mary Fragedakis,  
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.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission and the President and Chief Executive Officer, Metrolinx to investigate and report back on the feasibility of establishing an ongoing forum for discussing transit planning and associated urban issues that draws upon regional, national and international best practices and innovation; membership could include, but not necessarily be limited to transportation and transit planning professionals from the City of Toronto and the surrounding regions, the Province, consultants, planning associations, academics, interested members of the public and elected officials.

**Summary**

Transit plays a vital role in the day to day lives of the Torontonians. An effective transit system gives people the freedom to access all of what the City has to offer and enhances their opportunities for employment and education. It is a major determinant in the City's prosperity and shaping the City's growth as well as that of the surrounding region.

The City is on the verge of an expansion of transit infrastructure and services that is unprecedented. Notwithstanding this planned investment, much of the public discussion has focused on infrastructure choices and funding issues. More attention needs to be placed on fostering innovation to enhance transit services, and improve service delivery and inter-agency coordination, to improve the overall experience of transit users.

An ongoing public forum to discuss and debate the objective of improving transit service informed by industry best practices and innovations would benefit planners and decision makers as they establish priorities affecting the evolution of the transit system.

(Submitted to City Council on July 8 and 9, 2014 as MM54.9)

**Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM54.9