

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM9.23	ACTION			Ward:6
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The Shoreline: Request for the City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission to provide improved transit for the City of Toronto's western waterfront - by Councillor Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle

** 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 Mark Grimes, seconded by Councillor Josh Colle, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager and the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to report back in November 2015, to the Toronto Transit Commission with a status update on:
 - a. relocating the current TTC Humber Loop to Park Lawn Road and Lake Shore Boulevard West, such report to contain cost projections and timelines for relocation; and
 - b. "Closing the Gap" on a dedicated right-of-way from St. Joseph Hospital to Exhibition Place and connecting options.

Summary

Ward 6, Etobicoke-Lakeshore residents desperately need faster, more reliable transit service. The 501 streetcar route runs the entire length of Ward 6, connecting residents to downtown Toronto and the rest of the City, but the service is inadequate and inconsistent. The route is often delayed or short-turned, resulting in bunching and overcrowding.

Currently, half of the westbound 501 streetcars turn back at the Humber Loop. Relocating the Humber Loop to Park Lawn would provide double the streetcar service to Park Lawn, and help serve the rapidly increasing density in the Humber Bay Shores area.

Connecting the dedicated right-of-way between St. Joseph Hospital and Exhibition Place would drastically reduce travel times between the west end of the City and downtown. The area required to make this connection is relatively short and could be achieved through the use of existing infrastructure.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM9.23