
City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Functional Planning Study for the potential reconfiguration of the Bayview Avenue Extension - by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Mary Fragedakis, seconded by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B to initiate a functional planning study on the Bayview Avenue Extension from Moore Avenue to River Street, including the Don Valley Parkway interchange, taking into account vehicular access trying to reach the Don Valley Parkway both north and southbound at the Castle Frank intersection, no later than 2017 to explore opportunities to improve network operations, connectivity, flexibility and safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles including sidewalk provision, and report back no later than June 2018.

Summary

City Council, at its meeting of May 16, 17 and 18, 2005, endorsed the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan which included 9 key initiatives, including the initiation of an Environmental Assessment to improve transit service and develop traffic operations strategies within this corridor. The Bayview Avenue Extension was considered as one of the routing options for improved transit service.

Recent inspections indicate that the bridges for the Don Valley Parkway/Bayview Avenue interchange are in good condition and should last until at least 2025. As assets reach the end of their useful life, Transportation Services typically initiates an Environmental Assessment. An Environmental Assessment for this corridor would look at a range of solutions, including the possible replacement of the cloverleaf interchange, which has created challenging conditions for pedestrians and cyclists, with an at-grade solution.

With increased activity and demands in the vicinity of the Bayview Avenue Extension, including the ongoing development of the West Don Lands, there is an opportunity to improve network operations, connectivity, flexibility and safety for all road users within this corridor.

A functional planning study in advance of the Environmental Assessment would enable Transportation Services to investigate and cost-out options for consideration in an Environmental Assessment process. This approach would enable the City to better understand the options and scale of funds likely to be required for future solutions.