

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM20.17	ACTION			Ward:All
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Improving Transit in the Dufferin Corridor - by Councillor Josh Colle, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão

** 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 Josh Colle, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to report to the Toronto Transit Commission in the first quarter of 2017 on:
 - a. an overview of projected population growth, development activity, and resulting impacts on transit capacity in the Dufferin Street corridor; and
 - b. possible transit improvements along Dufferin Street from Wilson Station to Exhibition Loop, including splitting the existing bus route, implementation of express bus service, route changes to better connect with the Toronto York Spadina Subway Extension (TYSSE) and the Eglinton Crosstown line, modifications outlined in the Dufferin Secondary Plan and Eglinton Connects studies, transit priority lanes, and any other initiatives aimed at increasing transit capacity.

Summary

There are a growing number of active development sites and potential development projects within 500 metres of the Dufferin Street bus route, from Wilson Toronto Transit Commission station to the Exhibition Loop. It is essential that population and development growth along Dufferin Street be considered in conjunction with efforts to improve transit capacity in the corridor.

For years, Dufferin has been ranked by the Canadian Automobile Association among the worst and most congested roads in Ontario, and is now faced with an increase in development and population. Despite this, there is no higher order transit planned for Dufferin Street.

Residents in the Dufferin corridor and transit riders who commute along this route have expressed their concerns and are seeking information on how the Toronto Transit Commission

and City of Toronto can improve the existing transit network.

Background Information (City Council)

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Map of Active Developments in the Dufferin Bus Corridor, June 2016

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-94870.pdf>)