

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

MM22.10	ACTION			Ward:All
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**Endorsing Community Issues Related to Metrolinx's Davenport Diamond Grade Separation Project - by Councillor Ana Bailão, seconded by Mayor John Tory**

*\* 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 Ana Bailão, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council endorse and request Metrolinx to address the following list of community issues related to Metrolinx's Davenport Diamond Grade Separation Project:
  - a. develop a comprehensive vision with a separate budget for public realm improvements and a design competition;
  - b. address noise, vibration, and safety issues and concerns;
  - c. create a multi-modal station at Bloor;
  - d. establish cycling and walking connections throughout including connections to the West Toronto Railpath, the Green Line, and an elevated connection to EarlsCourt Park;
  - e. devise a long-term maintenance plan and endowment fund for community programming;
  - f. resolve concerns relating to Dupont Street;
  - g. provide the community with a date commitment to electrify the corridor; and
  - h. guarantee that no more than the proposed 36 trains per day will be in use until electric trains are operational on the corridor.

**Summary**

The Davenport Diamond Grade Separation Project eliminates the Davenport Diamond, one of the busiest train intersections in North America and would allow for all day, two-way GO Train

service on the Barrie GO Corridor. The project was announced in March 2015 and has been the subject of previous Council actions including formally involving City staff, requesting Metrolinx to extend their project schedule to address community and City concerns, endorsing key City issues, supporting a tunnel option, and to continue negotiations to secure a station and other City/community issues.

In January 2016, Metrolinx moved forward with the overpass option, initiating the Transit Project Assessment Process which received final approval in August 2016. The list of community issues presented has previously been communicated to Metrolinx in the form of a community open letter earlier this spring and was the subject of over 2,000 petitions submitted in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario this summer. A number of the issues have not yet been fully addressed by Metrolinx and more work needs to be done to resolve these issues.

Endorsing these longstanding community issues will help support the work that the local community is doing and will build on previous Council actions in ensuring that the community benefits from this proposed piece of transit infrastructure.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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