

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Review of City of Toronto Warrants for Traffic Control Measures - by Councillor Janet Davis, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata

** Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.
* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

Recommendations

Councillor Janet Davis, seconded by Councillor Frances Nunziata, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to review the current warrants for traffic control measures, including but not limited to: traffic lights, stop signs, pedestrian crossovers, zebra stripes, and traffic calming, and to report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee in the first quarter of 2017 with recommendations for changes to enhance safety for all road users, in particular vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists.

Summary

Pedestrians in the City of Toronto, in particular pedestrians over the age of 65, are being killed or subjected to serious injuries at an unprecedented rate.

As of December 7, 2016, 45 pedestrians have been killed on Toronto's streets, sidewalks and parking lots – the most in at least 13 years.

In a single day this month alone, 24 people were hit while walking.

And on December 1, 2016, a 69 year old woman was fatally struck and killed by a truck as she crossed at a pedestrian crossovers at the intersection of Cosburn Avenue and Cedarvale Avenue to attend a seniors' fitness class at the adjacent City of Toronto Parks Forestry and Recreation community centre.

Mayor Tory himself has referred to this situation as an “alarming number of fatalities and collisions on our roads.”

Yet residents and Councillors who request traffic control measures to improve the safety of their communities are consistently told by City of Toronto Transportation Services staff that the

requested traffic control measures do not qualify because they do not meet the technical warrants.

This year's unprecedented number of pedestrian fatalities and injuries demonstrate that the City of Toronto Transportation Services technical warrants for traffic control measures require a strategic review –with vulnerable road users' safety prioritized – if we are to achieve Vision Zero.

As noted above, this is a significant, emergency, health and safety matter and therefore urgent.

Background Information (City Council)

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