

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM32.24	ACTION			Ward:All
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Giving School Safety Zones an A+ - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis

** 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 Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mary Fragedakis, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B, the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and the General Manager, Transportation Services, to identify required resources and develop an associated implementation plan which would achieve 100 percent installation of school safety zones by 2022.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to report the findings in the first quarter of 2018.

Summary

As both enrolment and traffic increases in our communities and throughout Toronto, we see increasingly dangerous conditions for students walking and biking to school.

All levels of government are encouraging kids and families to use active modes of transportation for many reasons: to get cars off our roads, to reduce pollution, to keep kids healthy, and because research shows kids who are active are more likely to arrive at school calm, alert and ready to learn.

Both the City and the School Boards have started working on much needed School Safety Zones with pilot programs under Vision Zero. The plan is encouraging but the pace of this popular program needs to be accelerated.

No school community should have to wait for decades to see lifesaving safety measures come to their neighbourhood schools.

Toronto is well known caring deeply for kids and for innovative safety measures for protecting pedestrians – especially if they are small! Such an important program deserves strongest possible commitment from City Hall through accelerated implementation.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-107281.pdf>)