
City Council**Motion Without Notice**

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Accelerating Toronto's Vision Zero Road Safety Plan to Prevent Injuries and Deaths - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Manager, Transportation Services to accelerate the implementation of the full Road Safety Plan from the original five years to two years.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to include in the 2018 Operating Budget for Transportation Services, the necessary funds to achieve the full implementation of the Road Safety Plan in less than two years, for consideration in the 2018 budget process.

Summary

In July 2016, City Council adopted a comprehensive "Vision Zero" informed Road Safety Plan. The Road Safety Plan is a comprehensive, collaborative, and data-driven action plan for reducing the number of traffic-related deaths and serious injuries on Toronto's roads over the next 5 years (2017-2021).

The Road Safety Plan emphasized protection for the most vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians, cyclists, older adults, and school children, and leverages the experiences of other major North American jurisdictions that have embraced the Vision Zero philosophy that was first introduced in Europe and is gaining widespread adoption.

The comprehensive nature of the plan entails the shared responsibility, involvement, and commitment of all road safety partner agencies in the City, consideration for all types of road users, identification of the City's key safety priorities, and the inclusion of a variety of engineering, education, and enforcement countermeasures.

The Road Safety Plan responds to a number of other City Council adopted motions including the expansion of the "Watch Your Speed" pilot program in school zones, an investigation of

requirements for expanding automated enforcement, a review of posted speed limits, the development of a user-friendly traffic calming guide, and the identification of safety improvements for school children, older pedestrians and persons with disabilities.

In light of the recent and tragic pedestrian casualties in Scarborough and across the City, the long wait times for traffic calming installations and staff reports, it's obvious that City Council needs to urgently accelerate the full implementation of the Road Safety Plan, from 5 years to 2 years. The accelerated delivery of the Road Safety Plan will have no long term financial implications on the City's budget but it does that the profound impact of preventing serious injuries and death of vulnerable road users.

Over the past week, four pedestrians have been killed in Toronto. Pedestrian deaths have been on an increase over the past 5 years and hit an all-time high in 2016 with 43 pedestrian deaths. An accelerated implementation of the Road Safety Plan is required immediately to prevent further deaths.

Background Information (City Council)

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