May 23, 2019

To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Closure of Don Valley Parkway Ramps at Eglinton Avenue East

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this letter is to seek approval to authorize the General Manager, Transportation Services, to temporarily close the Don Valley Parkway (DVP) ramps at Eglinton Avenue East for a period of up to four weekends between June 20, 2019 to December 31, 2019 to facilitate the installation of electrical infrastructure and roadway paving for the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit project.

The annual DVP spring maintenance closure is planned on May 25-27, 2019. Crosslinx Transit Solutions (CTS) is planning to utilize the City maintenance closure to perform the work, thus avoiding the need for an additional weekend closure of the DVP ramps. However, in the event of cancellation of the City maintenance closure, or inclement weather, additional closure of the ramps will be required to accomplish the work.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, to delegate to the General Manager, Transportation Services, the authority to temporarily close to vehicular traffic each of the Don Valley Parkway southbound off-ramp to Eglinton Avenue East, the Eglinton Avenue East westbound on-ramp to the Don Valley Parkway southbound, the Eglinton Avenue East westbound on-ramp to the Don Valley Parkway northbound, the Eglinton Avenue East eastbound on-ramp to the Don Valley Parkway southbound, the Eglinton Avenue East eastbound on-ramp to the Don Valley Parkway northbound and the Don Valley Parkway northbound off-ramp to Eglinton Avenue East, from 11:00 p.m. on Friday to 5:00 a.m. on Monday for up to and including four weekends between June 20, 2019 to December 31, 2019, to facilitate the installation of electrical infrastructure and road paving for the purposes of the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit project.
2. City Council exempt the General Manager, Transportation Services, in carrying out her authority under Recommendation 1 above, from Section 937-5 of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 937, Temporary Closing of Highways, the requirement to notify the local Ward Councillor of the pending closure and the requirement to report on the proposed closure if so requested by the local Ward Councillor.

Thank-you for your consideration

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