

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Improving Pedestrian Safety on Sherbourne Street Between Bloor Street East and Howard Street - by Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

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

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, in conjunction and in consultation with the Toronto Transit Commission, adjacent resident associations and other divisions as required, to review pedestrian and traffic safety on Sherbourne Street between Bloor Street East and Howard Street, including reviewing the Sherbourne Street intersection at Selby Street and Howard Street, potential two-way operation on Selby Street and the southbound 75 Sherbourne TTC bus route at Bloor Street East and Sherbourne Street and to report back with changes to improve pedestrian safety to the December 3, 2019 meeting of the Toronto and East York Community Council.

Summary

The Bloor East Neighbourhood Association and the Upper Jarvis Neighbourhood Association have requested a review of two related issues on Sherbourne Street between Bloor Street East and Howard Street. The first is to review the location of the traffic signals and crosswalks on Sherbourne at Howard Street to potentially move or include the Selby Street intersection, which they believe will create significant pedestrian improvements. Second, by moving the traffic signal, they want the Toronto Transit Commission to review its southbound 75 Sherbourne route to determine whether a safer location for transit users to queue can be created.

Selby Street and Howard Street create a “jog” on Sherbourne Street that has been of concern for residents for many years. There have been discussions about the potential to turn Selby Street into partial two-way operation and to adjust the location of the traffic signals to create an intersection that would improve pedestrian and vehicular movements.

An upcoming development at 603-611 Sherbourne Street is planning to create a privately-owned, publicly accessible space whose main entrance would roughly align with the north sidewalk on Selby Street. Moving the crosswalk and traffic signal would therefore improve

pedestrian access to this future privately-owned, publicly accessible space.

In addition, the Bloor East Neighbourhood Association would like to have the existing southbound bus stop for Toronto Transit Commission 75 Sherbourne at Bloor Street East and Sherbourne Street reviewed. The southbound bus stop at Bloor Street East and Sherbourne Street is very close to what is already a busy intersection, creating a crush of pedestrians on what is a narrow sidewalk during rush hour. The Bloor East Neighbourhood Association would like to explore with Transportation Services and the Toronto Transit Commission whether realigned lights at Sherbourne Street and Selby Street could adjust the southbound stop to improve Toronto Transit Commission operations and improve pedestrian safety.

Background Information (City Council)

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