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Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM10.8	ACTION			Ward: All
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Options to accelerate the rollout of Vision Zero School Safety Zones and to prioritize youth safety during construction - by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson

** Notice of this Motion has been given.
 * This Motion is subject to referral to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to investigate methods to improve timing and coordination of construction to prioritize safety in school zones and report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in the first quarter of 2020.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in advance of City Council's consideration of the 2020 Budget to present options to accelerate the roll-out of Vision Zero in school safety zones; this would include:
 - a. investigating opportunities for allowing in-year acceleration when other projects are delayed; and
 - b. presenting costed options for accelerating roll-out.

Summary

Our Vision Zero Road Safety Plan sadly noted that between 2005 and 2016, three school children were killed and 70 were seriously injured in collisions with motor vehicles. As of the 2017 initiation of Vision Zero measures in our City, the number of injured and deceased youth continues to rise. This is completely unacceptable. Our primary duty as leaders is to keep our people safe and secure, particularly those who are the least well equipped to take care of themselves.

City Council has a firm commitment under Vision Zero to reduce all traffic-related fatalities to zero. A July 10, 2019 staff update outlined the planned completion of 88 school zones City-wide this year, this equates to just under four school zones per Ward. We have over 750 schools in our City. At this pace, it will take many years for all schools to be covered; years

that will see more injuries, and more fatalities.

Another concern in school safety zone work is construction. Road reconstruction, sidewalk repaving, and water and electrical upgrades create safety hazards. There are opportunities to improve project timing and departmental/contractor coordination so that these projects are prioritized to the extent possible in July and August.

This Motion requests City staff to investigate the potential for improving procurement and project management of construction projects to improve safety and school zones. It also requests City staff to report on options for accelerating the roll-out of school safety zones.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-138264.pdf>)