
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM10.14	ACTION			Ward: All
---------	--------	--	--	-----------

Targeting Heavy Trucks in the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan - by Councillor Jaye Robinson, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow

** 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 Jaye Robinson, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with appropriate City staff, to expand the scope of the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan to include an emphasis area specifically targeting heavy trucks and active construction sites.

Summary

On Tuesday, September 10, 2019, a pedestrian was tragically struck and killed by a cement truck at the intersection of Yonge Street and Erskine Avenue, steps from John Fisher Junior Public School. One week later on Tuesday, September 17, 2019, a Toronto Transit Commission passenger was struck by a dump truck while exiting a streetcar along Bathurst Street.

Pedestrians are more likely to be killed in collisions with trucks than in collisions with non-truck vehicles. A recent analysis conducted by the University of Windsor found that 35 pedestrian deaths in Toronto between 2007 and 2017 involved trucks. Out of 93 pedestrian collisions with trucks, 37.6 percent resulted in a fatality. In contrast, only 15.9 percent of pedestrian collisions involving non-truck vehicles were fatal.

Under the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan, there are over 50 countermeasures that prioritize the safety of vulnerable road users. Moving forward, there is an opportunity to place a greater emphasis on measures that specifically target heavy trucks.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM10.14