

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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| MM10.15 | ACTION | | | Ward: 12, 15 |
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Street Audit Yonge-Eglinton - by Councillor Josh Matlow, 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 Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Jaye Robinson, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to conduct an audit of all streets in the Yonge-Eglinton Secondary Plan area for potential road reconfigurations and other traffic safety measures consistent with Vision Zero principles and report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in Q1 2020.

2. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on the recommendations contained in MM55.29 Taking Back Our Streets - Getting Toronto Moving Again referred to the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B, by the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on January 6, 2015, including:

- a. the feasibility of eliminating the practice of allowing developers to occupy the public right-of-way;
- b. the feasibility of increasing the initial upfront fee to developers for occupying the public right-of-way; and
- c. the feasibility of charging developers escalating monthly fees for occupying the public right-of-way.

3. City Council request the Toronto Police Services Board to report on strategies to enhance enforcement of the Highway Traffic by the first quarter of 2020.

Summary

Traffic safety in Midtown and across Toronto has been an increasing concern due to the pressures associated with intensification and reckless driver behavior. The conflict between heavy construction vehicles and crowded streets tragically claimed the life of another

pedestrian, recently in the Yonge-Eglinton area.

For many years, local Councillors and residents have focused on making our neighbourhoods safer by advocating for lower speed limits on local residential streets, and increased fines for illegal parking in dangerous zones. The Midtown community is still waiting for Staff reports on limiting occupancy on roadways for construction, and enhanced enforcement from the Toronto Police Service.

While the Toronto Police Service needs to make traffic safety a priority, no amount of police presence will dissuade all bad driver behavior. That's why this Motion requests an audit of all streets in the Yonge-Eglinton Secondary Plan area for potential road reconfigurations and other traffic safety measures consistent with Vision Zero principles. It also reaffirms past Council positions and requests follow up actions by both City staff and the Toronto Police Service.

The City needs to send a strong message that arriving at a destination a couple minutes faster is never worth putting someone's life at risk. Instead of viewing pedestrians as obstacles, we need see them as though they could be a friend or family member, and someone who would be missed terribly if they were ever fatally hit by a driver of a vehicle. Let's all slow down.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM10.15