

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM13.8	ACTION			Ward: 10
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Road Safety and Construction Coordination: Bathurst Street and Wellington Street West - by Councillor Joe Cressy, 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 Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, with support from other divisions as needed, to:
 - a. review and coordinate approved plans for capital construction in the vicinity of Bathurst Street and Wellington Street West, including the new traffic control signals approved by City Council (Item 2019.TE10.43), recognizing that safety improvements should be installed as soon as possible whenever they can stand alone or be achieved with interim measures;
 - b. investigate opportunities to enhance safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and other vulnerable road users as part of the delivery of approved capital projects in the area; and
 - c. engage with local residents and stakeholders on their existing concerns, in collaboration with the Ward Councillor, to inform changes to traffic operations such as turn restrictions that may be recommended.

Summary

There is no number of deaths or serious injuries on our streets that is acceptable. Each one is preventable. As a City, we must prioritize and accelerate measures to make our streets safe and accessible for all road users, especially vulnerable pedestrians and cyclists.

At its meeting of November 26 and 27, 2019, City Council authorized the installation of traffic control signals at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Wellington Street West (Item TE10.43). The traffic control signals will make it safe for pedestrians and cyclists to cross Bathurst Street at this location, and will eliminate dangerous vehicular maneuvers across busy traffic.

Over the next five years, a number of capital construction projects are also planned in the immediate vicinity of this intersection, including road resurfacing, watermain replacement, and bike lane installation. Coordination of these projects and the traffic control signal installation presents an opportunity both to minimize local disruption and to implement additional road safety and traffic calming measures. As a standard element of any design process, looking at the wider local context and engaging with the community is critical.

I am requesting that City staff coordinate the planning and construction of these planned improvements, review additional opportunities to improve safety at the same time, and engage with the local community on these matters.

Background Information (City Council)

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