

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM20.22	ACTION			Ward: 10
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A Traffic Action Plan for Liberty Village - by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks

** 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

Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Gord Perks, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, in collaboration with the Chief Engineer and Executive Director, Engineering and Construction Services, the Executive Director, Transit Expansion, and the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission, to immediately develop and implement a Liberty Village Traffic Action Plan, that includes:

a. examining all measures, including those pertaining to parking, construction, event management, and rideshare to preserve road safety, reduce congestion, improve traffic flow, ensure fast and reliable travel times for all road users (including transit users on the 63 Ossington bus), with regard for traffic management plans in adjacent neighbourhoods, and to begin implementing measures in July 2024;

b. establishing short, medium, and long-term actions in the neighbourhood, associated reporting time frames, and metrics of success, and to consult with the Liberty Village Residents' Association, Liberty Village Business Improvement Area, and local residents to integrate local feedback and to evaluate the success of these measures at the neighbourhood level; and

c. reaffirming the request of Metrolinx to adhere to the City's standards for work at Ontario Line stations outlined in the Ontario Line Subcommittee Report, including around public consultation and engagement with local stakeholders and residents, road accessibility, safety, congestion management, and noise, and to underscore the pressing need for these measures to be implemented in Liberty Village around the forthcoming Exhibition Station site.

and to report back to the September 25, 2024 meeting of the Toronto and East York Community Council with a status update.

Summary

Serious concerns around traffic congestion in Liberty Village have recently intensified and been exacerbated by construction and maintenance work including Gardiner rehabilitation and King

Street water main maintenance. Residents are experiencing unreliable and lengthy travel times via car and on public transit, which has caused considerable community frustration. With vehicles and transit trapped, some motorists are disobeying rules of the road, causing additional challenges and safety risks to road users, including cyclists and pedestrians. Liberty Village also experiences high traffic volumes as it is home to major venues serving local residents and visitors from across the city and Greater Toronto Area, such as BMO Field, Budweiser Stage and Exhibition Place. Liberty Village also currently has one main road, Liberty/East Liberty Street carrying all these vehicles.

This motion is aimed at developing and implementing a congestion management approach tailored to Liberty Village to ensure local residents and visitors can navigate the neighbourhood safely and efficiently, as well as traffic conditions in the surrounding area.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM20.22

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-247824.pdf>)