

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM20.29	ACTION			Ward: All
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A Vital Link: Monitoring Traffic Congestion on Avenue Road - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Jon Burnside

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Jon Burnside, recommends that:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to collect and monitor traffic data for Avenue Road between Bloor Street West and Dupont Street, and report back with an assessment of impacts to travel times relative to times before the installation of the cycle tracks and road safety improvements, including specific analysis of peak travel times, at a meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in the first quarter of 2025.

Summary

If we want to keep Toronto moving, it is vital that we use evidence and data to guide our decision-making. Avenue Road is an important arterial road for residents traveling north-south through our city, as well as for folks traveling in and out of Toronto.

On June 27, 2024, City Council adopted Item 2024.IE14.4 and approved the Avenue Road Study complete street redesign, which includes on-street cycle tracks from Bloor Street West to Davenport Road. Installation of the cycle lanes began in mid-July.

The new northbound and southbound cycle tracks on each side of Avenue Road, between Bloor Street and Davenport Road, will remove one motor vehicle lane in each direction - reducing travel lanes from six to four.

The purpose of this motion is to request staff to monitor traffic data to assess impacts of the new bikeway on congestion conditions along the entirety of the Avenue Road Study area, by comparing travel times before and after bike lane installation.

This matter is urgent and time sensitive to ensure that complete and accurate data is collected, as installation work has recently begun.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-247865.pdf>)

