

City Council

Motion without Notice

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Toronto Transit Commission Environmental Report for the Conversion of the Scarborough Rapid Transit Right-of-Way, Busway Project - Tara Avenue and Mooregate Avenue Bus Stop - by Councillor Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Nick Mantas

** 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 Michael Thompson, seconded by Councillor Nick Mantas, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission to remove the bus stop at Tara Avenue and Mooregate Avenue as part of the Line 3 Busway project and apply cost-savings to other Toronto Transit Commission capital, priority projects.

Summary

The Toronto Transit Commission issued a public notice of completion for an Environmental Project report for the conversion of the Scarborough Rapid Transit Right-of-Way, Busway project on October 3, 2024 with a commenting period for stakeholders and the public closing on November 4, 2024. The Report, along with any comments submitted will be reviewed by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for final approval.

The feedback from my community on the placement of a stop at Tara Avenue and Mooregate Avenue as one of three stops along the route has raised concerns from the surrounding community. Following the Toronto Transit Commission Community Consultation on September 24th, 2024, my office has received multiple e-mails, phone calls and a petition signed by 176 residents, submitted to this Council as part of the public record, opposing plans to install this stop. It culminated in a virtual community meeting with the

Their concerns include lack of advance communication in identifying Tara & Mooregate Avenues as a stop on the Line 3 Busway, increased foot traffic from outside of the area, the accessibility of the planned location and the grading, traffic congestion and the safety of entrance to the Gatineau Trail citing noise and lighting concerns.

This matter is urgent as the Environmental Project Report is currently before the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for approval and if the recommendation is adopted, funds could be applied to other priority, Toronto Transit Commission priority capital projects.

Background Information (City Council)

