

City Council**Notice of Motion**

MM24.12	ACTION			Ward: 10
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Ontario Line Vehicle Exemption along King Street West at Portland Street - by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Chris Moise

** 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

Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, seconded by Councillor Chris Moise, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize vehicles transporting materials or equipment, working for Metrolinx on the Ontario Line, to proceed through the intersection along King Street West at Portland Street when through travel easterly and westerly are restricted.
2. City Council approve the amendments to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, associated with Recommendation 1 above, generally as outlined in Attachment 1 to this motion.
3. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the necessary Bills to give effect to City Council's decision and City Council authorize the City Solicitor to make any necessary clarifications, refinements, minor modifications, technical amendments, or By-law amendments as may be identified by the City Solicitor, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services in order to give effect to the Recommendations above.

Summary

General traffic is required to turn right off of King Street within the King Street Transit Priority Corridor, between Jarvis Street and Bathurst Street, at most major intersections, with the exception of streetcars, buses, Toronto Transit Commission-operated Wheel-Trans vehicles, Billy Bishop Airport Shuttle Buses (certain intersections), Toronto Community Crisis Service Vehicles and bicycles. A further exemption for licensed taxicabs is provided between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

The King-Bathurst Station, part of the Ontario Line Subway project, will be situated at the southeast and northeast corners of the King Street West and Bathurst Street intersection. During related construction activities, Metrolinx contractor's hauling trucks will travel specific routes to and from this construction site. Trucks will use Bathurst Street, Stewart Street, King Street West, Portland Street, Wellington Street West, and Spadina Avenue to facilitate earth and concrete works during construction.

To ensure that these trucks minimize the use of Portland Street, which is a local road that runs north-south in a densely populated neighborhood and is heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists, we are requesting that these trucks, which are clearly marked with the Ontario Line logo, be allowed to use King Street West between Bathurst Street and Spadina Avenue by exempting them from the through travel restriction at Portland Street. The exemption would be in place from December 23, 2024 to December 31, 2027, inclusive.

After working with staff from Transportation Services, it is recommended to amend the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950 to allow Ontario Line vehicles to proceed along King Street West through the intersection at Portland Street without restriction.

Background Information (City Council)

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Attachment 1 - Amendments to Traffic and Parking Regulations - Chapter 950

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-251516.pdf>)