

City Council

(Deferred from March 26 and 27, 2025 - 2025.MM28.28)

DM29.2	ACTION			Ward: All
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Requiring Metrolinx to Develop a Heavy Truck Safety Plan - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik

A communication has been submitted on this Item.

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ausma Malik, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Manager to request Metrolinx to develop a comprehensive Heavy Truck Safety Plan to the satisfaction of the General Manager, Transportation Services, that is shared publicly by Metrolinx, and includes enforcement measures, monitoring protocols, and a mechanism for residents to report concerns, and to share the finalized plan with the local Councillors and interested community members along the Ontario Line alignment by April 11, 2025.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, to include the requirement for a Heavy Truck Safety Plan as a permit condition in Transportation Permits issued to Metrolinx Ontario Line contractors in Ward 14 subsequent to April 11, 2025.

Summary

On February 6, 2025, a heavy construction vehicle operated by a Metrolinx sub-contractor struck a pedestrian while making a right turn from Pape Avenue onto Mortimer Avenue.

This route was not a Metrolinx approved haul route. On February 27, 2025, another heavy truck, operated by a different Metrolinx sub-contractor, made an identical turn, which was captured on video.

These two incidents have caused the surrounding community and residents all across the Ontario Line to call for increased steps to be taken to keep people safe during Ontario Line construction.

At a recent online community meeting nearly 150 residents expressed their concerns about heavy truck safety around the Ontario Line construction sites.

With hundreds of additional trucks expected once Metrolinx begins soil removal from tunnelling operations at the Gerrard and Carlaw site, a publicly shared Heavy Truck Safety Plan is critical to ensuring community confidence and safety throughout the project construction.

Background Information (City Council)

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(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/dm/bgrd/backgroundfile-254210.pdf>)

Communications (City Council)

(April 23, 2025) E-mail from Nicole Corrado (DM.New)