



OLIVIA CHOW
MAYOR

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Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Torontonians continue to experience congestion on our roads. Whether in a car, trying to get kids to practice on time, or commuting to work on a streetcar slowly making its way down a busy street. The City's congestion management plan continues the work of tackling this problem by leveraging technology, improving how we manage traffic at intersections, and rolling out increased fees for lane occupancy to encourage utilities and developers to get out of the road more quickly.

There's always more work to do. For too long, TTC streetcar riders have experienced delays as a result of parked cars blocking the tracks. A hundred people on a streetcar should not have to wait for someone parked in the right of way or stopped illegally to run in and grab a coffee. We saw clear examples of this during the recent snow storm with drivers blocking streetcars and traffic backing up for blocks. That is why I am asking for an enforcement plan to eliminate this.

I request the General Manager of Transportation:

Work with the Toronto Police Service to develop a plan to significantly increase the enforcement of vehicles blocking streetcars, including exploring increased fines and towing along streetcar routes to remove any vehicle blocking a streetcar.

I look forward to working with the committee members to tackle the problem of congestion and get Toronto moving.

Sincerely,

Olivia Chow
Mayor