

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM32.6	ACTION			Ward: 11
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Speeding up Transit in Ward 11 - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo

** 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

Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor Alejandra Bravo, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Board of Directors, Toronto Parking Authority, to request the President, Toronto Parking Authority to report back to the Board of Directors, Toronto Parking Authority, at its meeting of October 16, 2025, with recommendations to set on-street parking rates on busy surface transit routes in Ward 11 that fairly represent the value of the public right of way, promote short-term parking and facilitate efficient and reliable transit.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to report to the September 18, 2025, meeting of the Toronto and East York Community Council with recommendations for local traffic changes in Ward 11, such as times and locations for parking, loading and left turns, that would make the afternoon northbound Bathurst bus more rapid and reliable.

Summary

Rapid, frequent, reliable transit is essential to a livable, affordable, prosperous city. 60 percent of all transit trips in Toronto include surface transit (buses and streetcars). The Toronto Transit Commission Strategic Plan identifies traffic congestion as one of the key obstacles to improving the speed and reliability of surface transit. This includes parked cars. The Toronto Board of Trade has recommended that the price of parking be used to redirect parking away from arterial roads as a key measure to reduce congestion that hampers the movement of people and goods, including transit vehicles (See Breaking Gridlock).

Recent consultations on parking and transit on Bathurst have highlighted how parked cars slow surface transit. This impact is exacerbated when on-street parking fees do not fairly represent the value of the public right of way or promote short term parking. Parking fees on arterial roads in Ward 11 with busy surface transit, such as Bathurst Street, should be reviewed.

Local traffic rules, such as parking times and turn permissions, should also be reviewed on Bathurst between Bloor and Dupont, to identify local opportunities to make the afternoon northbound Bathurst bus more rapid and reliable.

Background Information (City Council)

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