

NOTICE OF MOTION

Protecting Public Investment & Advancing Interim Solutions Along Sheppard Avenue East

Moved by: Councillor

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Seconded by: Councillor

SUMMARY:

In June 2023, City Council approved the Sheppard Avenue East Complete Street project, which includes road safety improvements, cycle tracks, and public realm upgrades between Bayview Avenue and Leslie Street.

Since then, Bill 212 (Transportation for the Future Act, 2024) has amended the Highway Traffic Act to require “prescribed municipalities,” including Toronto, to obtain approval from the Minister of Transportation before installing bicycle lanes that reduce the number of motor vehicle lanes.

The Province has not yet released regulations outlining the approval process, creating uncertainty about whether the Sheppard Avenue East cycle tracks could proceed as planned or be subject to removal. Proceeding with the tender and construction of this project prior to receiving provincial approval may risk the project being halted or the infrastructure being removed at the direction of the Minister, resulting in wasted public funds and further project delays.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, to suspend the tender and construction of the Sheppard Avenue East Complete Street project elements until such time as the City has received positive written approval from the Ministry of Transportation under the amended *Highway Traffic Act*.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, to explore and expedite interim measures to address traffic flow and congestion along the Sheppard Avenue East between Bayview Avenue and Leslie Street to address current conditions until Provincial approval has been received on the Sheppard Avenue East Complete Street project.

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