

NOTICE OF MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Respecting Local Authority Over Road Design

Moved by: Councillor Bravo

Seconded by: Councillor Saxe

SUMMARY:

In November 2024, City Council approved Item CC23.1, Respecting Local Democracy and Cities, which included the following direction regarding the Ontario Government's Bill 212, Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, which is now law:

1. City Council express its opposition to the proposed amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bill 212, and any related proposed regulations, both of which contradict the stated purpose of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to allow the City to determine what is in the public interest of the City.
2. City Council request the Province to work collaboratively with cities to address congestion and road safety, and accordingly withdraw the proposed amendments to Part XII of the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bill 212.

This motion reiterates the importance of local decision making and municipal authority over local road design, and expresses the concern over the Ontario Government's intention to intervene in decisions that can impact the safety and wellbeing of all road users.

Reason for Urgency:

Bill 60, Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025 is currently at Second Reading at the Ontario Legislature, and the Ontario Government has confirmed they will not be holding public hearings on this legislation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council express its opposition to Part 195.3(1) of Bill 60, and proposed amendments to the Highway Traffic Act contained in Bil 60, and request that the Province of Ontario clarify that municipalities have authority to determine road design under authorities granted by the City of Toronto Act, 2006, allowing the City to determine what is in the public interest.
2. City Council request the Province to work collaboratively with cities to address congestion and road safety.

November 12, 2025