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#### TORONTO PARKING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Subject: Member Motion Item 32.6

Speeding up Transit in Ward 11 - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by

**Councillor Alejandra Bravo (Ward 11)** 

City Council on July 23 and 24, 2025, adopted <a href="Item MM32.6">Item MM32.6</a> and, in so doing, has requested 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.

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Attachment

Sent to: Toronto Parking Authority Board of Directors

President, Toronto Parking Authority

c. City Manager



## **Decisions**

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 32

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

#### **Notice of Motion**

**Decision Type: ACTION** 

Status: Adopted

Ward: 11 - University - Rosedale

#### **City Council Decision**

City Council on July 23 and 24, 2025, adopted the following:

- 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)**

Member Motion MM32.6

(https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-257457.pdf)

**Communications (City Council)** 

(July 22, 2025) E-mail from Brad McMullen, President, Summerhill Market (MM.New) (<a href="https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/comm/communicationfile-195225.pdf">https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/comm/communicationfile-195225.pdf</a>) (July 23, 2025) E-mail from Nicole Corrado (MM.New)