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RE: TE25.41- IMPROVING THE SPEED AND RELIABILITY OF THE 7 BATHURST

Dear Chair and Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council,

As Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission, I am writing to express my support for the staff recommendations contained in Item [TE25.41 – Improving the Speed and Reliability of the 7 Bathurst.](#)

The 7 Bathurst bus is an essential route connecting communities from Bathurst Station through midtown to the northern parts of our city. Thousands of riders, including workers, students, seniors, and families, depend on it every day. Yet, as the staff report demonstrates, congestion, left-turn delays, and curb lane blockages have too often undermined service reliability, leaving riders waiting.

The proposed changes include:

- prohibiting on-street stopping during afternoon and weekend periods on the east side of Bathurst between Eglinton Avenue West and Bathurst Station,
- extending left-turn restrictions at Bathurst and Davenport, and
- updating northbound/southbound turn rules at Bathurst and Dupont.

These are evidence-based measures that will meaningfully improve service reliability and travel times. By prioritizing bus movement, these changes will help deliver a faster, more predictable service for TTC riders while also reducing congestion for all road users.

Importantly, these changes align with the TTC's ongoing work to address bunching and gapping, and they represent a cost-effective, data-driven way to support one of our busiest surface routes and improve its reliability.

Reliability is not an abstract principle. It determines whether TTC customers arrive at work on time, whether they can pick up their kids from school, and whether transit is truly a viable option in their daily lives. By making these targeted but impactful improvements, we can strengthen trust in our transit system and ensure that the 7 Bathurst is a route people can rely on.

I strongly urge the Community Council to adopt the recommendations in this report.

Kind Regards,



Councillor Jamaal Myers

Chair, Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)