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TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION BOARD:
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Subject: Member Motion Item 29.6
Seasonal Prohibition on Lithium-Ion Battery Powered E-Bikes and E-Scooters on the TTC and the Feasibility of Providing More Secure E-Bike and E-Scooter Storage and Battery Charging and Exchange Facilities near Transit Stations - by Councillor Jamaal Myers, seconded by Councillor Dianne Saxe (Ward All)

City Council on April 23 and 24, 2025, adopted [Item MM29.6](#) as amended and, in so doing, has:

1. Requested the Toronto Transit Commission board to direct the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services, the Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry, and the President, Toronto Parking Authority, to assess the need for more secure e-bike storage and battery charging and exchange facilities near Toronto Transit Commission transit stations.
2. Requested the Toronto Transit Commission board to direct the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission, to work with the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services, through the multi-partner table led by Transportation Services, to develop a communications campaign to inform Toronto Transit Commission riders of the Toronto Transit Commission's electronic micromobility policies.

Yours truly,



for City Clerk

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Attachment

Sent to: Toronto Transit Commission Board
Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission

- c. President, Toronto Parking Authority
City Manager

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 29

MM29.6	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All
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City Council Decision

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Summary

The Toronto Transit Commission Board in response to safety concerns and customer complaints approved at its December meeting banned lithium-ion battery powered micromobility devices, including e-bikes and e-scooters until April 15, 2025. The decision came after an incident in December 2024 involving a battery explosion and fire on a Toronto Transit Commission subway train, as well as several other similar incidents in Toronto. While the Toronto Transit Commission remains committed to improving the integration of cycling, micromobility and transit in Toronto, this ban supports the Toronto Transit Commission's priority of putting the safety of employees and customers first. Lithium-ion batteries are known to pose a greater risk in colder months, resulting in a higher likelihood of fires. Paired with the increased risk for fire damage and spread in underground tunnels, the seasonal ban was determined to be the safest option for customers and employees. However, the Toronto Transit Commission recognizes that this ban also has a disproportionate effect on some of the most marginalized workers in our city. In New York City a public e-bike battery charging pilot program was piloted and met with considerable success. It is thus vital that the City of Toronto explore appropriate options and the costs of supplying such options for food delivery workers prior to the re-implementation of the ban for Winter 2025.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM29.6

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-254681.pdf>)

Communications (City Council)

(April 24, 2025) E-mail from Nicole Corrado (MM.New)