



Motion without Notice

Further Recommendations to Speed Up Streetcars

Moved by: Chair Jamaal Myers

Seconded by: Commissioner Josh Matlow

Urgency Statement

The 2025 TTC Operating Budget included new investment to increase the frequency and quality of service across the City of Toronto. During the November 2025 CEO report the TTC Board, the Board was informed of continuing challenges in operating streetcars in mixed traffic and that the average speed of scheduled streetcar service has decreased 2% year on year, and 10% pre-COVID, to 11km/h. Furthermore, the TTC Board was informed regarding on-time performance that the target of 90% was not met, and that current on-time performance is only 61%. Furthermore, only 69% of customers were satisfied with current performance. It is thus urgent that the TTC work with its partners on measures to ameliorate service to reduce congestion in Toronto, especially with the upcoming FIFA games in 2026.

Summary

Following the Board's consideration of the [International Association of Public Transit \(UITP\)'s Asset Management Peer Review](#), direction was given to TTC staff to develop a plan to implement enhanced signal priority on all streetcar routes, in partnership with the City of Toronto.

This motion provides further recommendations for TTC staff to explore additional measures to speed up streetcar lines, including signal timing adjustments at intersections, how parking and turning changes can help to cut through rush hour traffic, ensuring that stops are reasonably spaced, and looking at internal TTC policies that govern vehicle speeds.

Through collaboration between the TTC and City of Toronto, we can continue to improve our streetcar network for every rider that depends on it.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the TTC Board:

1. Direct the TTC CEO to work with the City Manager and report back in Q1 2026 on options for removing on-street parking and restricting left turns during high-peak periods on key routes, reviewing the distance between streetcar stops and internal policies governing transit speeds on surface routes, as additional measures to speed up streetcar lines.

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