



## NOTICE OF MOTION

### **Safer Subways: Making Public Safety a Priority and Restoring Confidence to TTC Riders Across Toronto**

Moved by: **Councillor Brad Bradford** \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: **Councillor James Pasternak** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SUMMARY**

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) continues to experience one of the slowest transit recoveries in Canada, with ridership hovering around 80% of 2019 levels. Four in 10 Torontonians say they do not feel safe on transit, and many residents are choosing to ride less frequently or avoid the system altogether. These public safety concerns are particularly acute on the subway, as stations are too often experienced as neglected public spaces with a lack of visible enforcement.

Toronto's subway system should be a place where residents and visitors can travel without fear, day or night. It should also be a place where TTC workers feel safe from harassment and violence, not just in principle, but in practice as well.

City Hall must demonstrate a true commitment to improving public safety and restoring public confidence across the subway system. This motion proposes comprehensive and immediate action to address serious gaps in existing services, including developing a plan with Toronto Police Services to deploy police officers in all subway stations; a firm commitment to beginning the installation of platform edge doors at priority stations, which would improve reliability and safety; improved station cleanliness and lighting standards and public compliance reporting to ensure accountability; safety design audits for all subway stations across the network; and zero tolerance for the harassment of TTC drivers and other staff members.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. City Council request the Toronto Police Service Board, in consultation with the City Manager and the Toronto Transit Commission board, to develop a plan to deploy uniformed police officers across all subway stations, including cost estimates and staffing considerations, as part of the 2027 budget process.
2. City Council request the Toronto Police Service Board to include the report on the creation of a Safe Toronto Transit Commission Strategy requested in Item 2025.CC33.1 in the report requested above.

3. City Council declare its commitment to beginning construction of platform edge doors across the TTC subway system, with a mandate to commence construction on a multi-station pilot project no later than Q4 2027.
4. City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission board to direct the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission, in partnership with the City Manager, to develop a funded plan covering the first 10 years of implementation of platform edge doors (including a multi-station pilot, Line 1 high-priority stations and the Bloor-Yonge Capacity Improvements project), and report back to Council as part of the 2027 budget process.
5. City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission board to direct the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to publish updated cleanliness standards for all subway stations and publicly report on station-level performance, no later than Q1 2027.
6. City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission board to direct the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to report on a single network-wide lighting standard for vehicles, entrances, stairways, concourses, and platforms, including clear maintenance response standards.
7. City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission board to direct the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission, in consultation with the local city councillor, Toronto Police Service, local BIAs and residents associations, to undertake safety design audits of all subway stations that evaluate the physical environment, including lighting conditions, from the perspective of both crime prevention and public perceptions of safety, and report back to Council no later than Q3 2027.
8. City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission board to direct the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission, in consultation with the City Manager and the City Solicitor, to review the implications of implementing a one-year ban on any riders that harass or assault TTC drivers and other staff members, and report back no later than Q1 2027.

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