

NOTICE OF MOTION

Improving Coordination Closures to Fight Congestion

Moved by: Councillor

Myers

Seconded by: Councillor

Carroll

SUMMARY:

A significant contributing factor to congestion in the City of Toronto is due to construction and maintenance work to repair, maintain or expand our transit, roads and regional transportation assets.

This spring and summer, residents and visitors to the City had contrasting experiences when dealing with congestion. During Mother's Day, the City was difficult to navigate due to sections of the TTC's subway network and Don Valley Parkway being concurrently closed for maintenance, road closures to accommodate cultural events and sporting competitions, as well as closures on the UP Express operated by Metrolinx. On the other hand, during the six FIFA 2026 match games held in Toronto the City implemented an incredibly successful transportation and mobility plan through improved coordination of local and regional transit services, road and highway closures, and so on.

This motion supports the Chief Congestion Officer and General Manager Transportation Services to utilize a transit focused approach when consulting and planning with the TTC, other City departments and regional transportation agencies about upcoming closures this year and in future years.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

City Council request

1. the Chief Congestion Officer and Executive Director, Strategic Capital Coordination Office and the General Manager, Transportation Services, to continue collaborating with TTC officials to consider planned TTC subway and streetcar closures and diversions as part of existing transportation network coordination activities, alongside other planned municipal and regional construction projects, significant cultural, entertainment and/or sporting events, and other activities affecting the transportation network, and work with the TTC and other regional transportation partners to support coordination, proactively identify potential conflicts and overlaps, develop appropriate mitigation measures where feasible, and identify additional resources if needed as part of the next Congestion Management Plan update.

2. The City Manager, in consultation with the Chief of Police and the Chief Executive Officer of the TTC review policies and procedures to improve situational decision-making during major events to help ensure the smooth movement of TTC surface vehicles.

Date: July 29, 2026