

**City Council**

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**Member Motions - Meeting 39**

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**MM39.50 - Safer Subways: Making Public Safety a Priority and Restoring Confidence to Toronto Transit Commission Riders Across Toronto - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak****Notice of Motion****Decision Type:** ACTION**Status:** Amended**Wards:** All**City Council Decision**

City Council on March 25 and 26, 2026, adopted the following:

1. City Council request the Toronto Police Service board, in consultation with the City Manager and the Toronto Transit Commission board, and having regard for the Memorandum of Understanding with the Toronto Transit Commission, including how responsibilities are shared with Special Constables and crisis services, 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 Toronto Transit Commission subway system, with a mandate to commence construction on a multi-station pilot project no later than the fourth quarter in 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 City 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 the first quarter in 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 Councillors, Toronto Police Service, local Business Improvement Areas 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 City Council no later than the third quarter in 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 Toronto Transit Commission drivers and other staff members, and report back no later than the first quarter in 2027.

### **Summary**

The Toronto Transit Commission continues to experience one of the slowest transit recoveries in Canada, with ridership hovering around 80 percent 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 Toronto Transit Commission 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 Toronto Transit Commission drivers and other staff members.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2026/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-285333.pdf>

### **Communications (City Council)**

(March 20, 2026) E-mail from Adam Rodgers (MM.Supp)

(March 20, 2026) E-mail from Eric Timm (MM.Supp)

(March 24, 2026) E-mail from Daniel Carter (MM.New)

(March 24, 2026) E-mail from Jude Leschyshyn (MM.New)

(March 24, 2026) Submission from Daniel Tate, Executive Director, IntegrityTO (MM.Supp)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2026/mm/comm/communicationfile-206645.pdf>

(March 25, 2026) E-mail from Sharon Yetman (MM.New)

(March 24, 2026) E-mail from George Bell (MM.New)

(March 25, 2026) E-mail from Nicole Corrado (MM.New)

(March 26, 2026) E-mail from Sharon Yetman (MM.New)

(March 26, 2026) E-mail from Sharon Yetman (MM.New)

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2026/mm/comm/communicationfile-206784.pdf>

(March 26, 2026) Letter from Van Richards (MM.New)

(March 26, 2026) E-mail from Matthew Knight (MM.New)

(March 26, 2026) E-mail from Sharon Yetman (MM.New)

### **Declared Interests (City Council)**

The following member(s) declared an interest:

Councillor Mike Colle - as his son, Josh Colle, works for the Toronto Transit Commission as the Chief Strategy and Customer Experience Officer.

Written Declaration: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/declared-interest-file.do?id=12921>