

MOTION

GO Transit Georgetown Corridor Expansion EA

Moved by: Councillor Nunziata

Seconded by: Mayor Miller

WHEREAS GO Transit has begun a Class Environmental Assessment for expansion of commuter rail service in the GO Georgetown/Weston Sub-Division Corridor;

WHEREAS the purpose of this Class Environmental Assessment will be to provide the necessary improvements to accommodate increased GO train service for CN, CP and VIA services including the proposed new Air Rail Link (ARL) rail service between Lester B. Pearson International Airport and Union Station;

WHEREAS during the consultation process the proponents of the Class Environmental Assessment have stated that one possible option could be the closure of streets within communities to accommodate the increased railway traffic along the corridor; and,

WHEREAS there has been an overwhelming and resounding concern by residents of communities that the closure of any street or roadway could separate and divide communities, and thus be catastrophic to their continued viability;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Toronto adopt the official position concerning the Class Environmental Assessment for expansion of commuter rail service in the GO Georgetown/Weston Sub-Division Corridor that no streets be closed;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk convey this position to the federal and provincial Ministers of the Environment and Transportation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff provide quarterly reports to the Planning and Transportation Committee concerning the status of this initiative;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager, Transportation Services be requested to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on any safety measures that may be required because of the increase in train speed and the volume of traffic along this corridor;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the necessary provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code be waived to permit introduction and debate of this Notice of Motion at the meeting of Council to be held on April 12, 2005.