

Submitted by Chair Stintz:

### Transit Priority at Surface Vehicle Entrances and Exits to Subway Stations

As the TTC continues to deal with record ridership growth, the need to minimize delays to transit vehicles has never been so significant. The TTC's new streetcars and the new articulated buses will bring much needed additional capacity to our network of surface services, but it is also important to create operating conditions where TTC vehicles can move efficiently and without obstruction. The TTC and the City of Toronto have implemented some excellent initiatives over the years, including much-increased service levels and hours of service, transit priority signals, and the rights-of-way on the 509 Harbourfront streetcar, the 510 Spadina streetcar, the 512 St. Clair streetcar, the York University busway and, most recently, the increasing of fines for illegal parking, standing, and stopping on major arterial roads during peak periods.

That said, one area of the transit network that remains susceptible to delays due to traffic and parking problems is the surface vehicle entrance/exit ways (driveways) to subway stations. These driveways are typically not signaled, so buses and streetcars are frequently obstructed, within metres of their station destinations, by stopped, standing, or parked vehicles. The delays incurred when buses or streetcars have trouble accessing or departing stations should be examined to identify possible solutions.

In London, England the city uses white painted lettering directly applied to the roadway indicating "Keep Clear" for the purpose of advising motorists that they are in an area or zone where stopping, standing or parking is problematic. There may be merit in implementing some sort of similar approach at TTC subway stations where traffic congestion regularly impedes the movement of TTC vehicles.

In this regard, staff are requested to report back to the February 24, 2014 meeting of the TTC Board with comments and recommendations pertaining to potential solutions to expedite the movement of buses and streetcars when entering and exiting subway stations.