

Councillor Mike Layton

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Dear Chair and members of the Toronto Transit Commission,

I am writing to ask you to consider the creation of a new express bus route that would help address the needs of residents in Liberty Village and the Niagara neighbourhood.

The Liberty Village is one of the fastest growing communities in the City. A great number of Liberty Village and Niagara neighbourhood residents regularly use the TTC to get to and from work or school. The 504 King Streetcar and the 63 Ossington Bus are the most used local public transit options. I don't have to tell you that the 504 King is the busiest streetcar line in the City and it is presently operating overcapacity. This reality has made existing transit options increasingly unreliable for residents in Liberty Village and the surrounding neighbourhoods.

We already have worked together in an attempt address this transit crunch when the Commission and Metrolinx agreed to explore a pilot project to create an integrated TTC and GO Transit fare at Exhibition GO Station. It is in this same spirit of cooperation that I am requesting your assistance today.

I urge you to request TTC staff to explore the viability of a new bus route to serve the growing Liberty Village and Niagara neighbourhoods with an express route to downtown. I will leave it to the TTC planning experts to determine the exact route this bus would travel along but I would assume ridership demands would warrant connections on East Liberty Street, Wellington Street West, and Niagara Street with Front Street.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss this proposal further with the appropriate TTC Staff.

In Community,

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