

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Subject: Camera Monitoring and Enforcement

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Seconded by:	original signed by Vice-Chair Heisey	

Background:

The greater use of cameras to improve traffic flow and TTC surface transit operations could have a significant positive impact on our customers with the potential for faster travel times and reduced delays with greater enforcement of existing traffic regulations by cameras. The Bay Street Clearway and the King Street East Transit Priority Lanes are critical to the efficient and timely operation of TTC vehicles in these surface transit corridors. However, enforcement has not been sufficient to deter motorists from entering the transit priority lanes.

The King Street Pilot Study, which was recently approved by City Council, will limit vehicle traffic and prioritize transit between Bathurst Street and Jarvis Street. The Pilot is set to begin in Fall 2017, and enforcement of vehicles along the entire length of the pilot would help ensure its success.

The ability to use cameras for enforcement at the TTC could also help to deter motorists from illegally passing streetcars when stopped.

The use of cameras as an effective enforcement tool was endorsed by the Toronto Police Board in 2004, and was only subject to the extension of red-light camera legislation by the Government of Ontario.

Recommendations:

- 1. The TTC affirms support for using camera enforcement for the King Street Pilot and Transit Priority Lanes, the Bay Street Clearway, and for streetcar doors.
- 2. Direct staff to report back to the TTC Board on logistics, cost, and any requirements for using cameras as enforcement tools for the aforementioned applications.
- 3. Direct the Chair and Vice-Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Transportation to request that the appropriate legislation and regulations are amended to allow the TTC and City of Toronto to use camera enforcement.