

Notice of Motion

Review of 905 Eglinton East Express Bus

Moved by: Commissioner Jennifer McKelvie

Seconded by: Commissioner Brad Bradford

Summary

The 905 Eglinton East express bus operates an approximately 35 minute express service to and from Kennedy Station and University of Toronto Scarborough Campus (UTSC) at Military Trail and Ellesmere Avenue. The route also serves post-secondary students attending Centennial College Morningside Campus, and users of the Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre. Combined, the two post-secondary campuses are home to over 13,000 students, the vast majority of whom commute.

On April 9, 2019, at the Executive Committee meeting, Mayor John Tory committed to work with local Councillors to review the 905 Eglinton East express bus. This followed deputants from the University of Toronto Scarborough Student Union expressing concerns regarding the existing 905 express bus service.

Concerns included an excessive number of stops between Kennedy Station and campus, and high ridership demand that often requires transit riders to wait for a second or third bus in peak demand periods.

Recommendation

That the Board direct staff to investigate and report back by Q4/19 on the feasibility of improving the existing 905 Eglinton East express bus service. This could include, but not be limited to, increasing frequency, and reducing the number of stops between Kennedy Station and the two post-secondary campuses.

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