

Item 14



For Action

City Council Transmittal – Member Motion 14.12 – Improving Air Quality in the Dufferin Street Corridor Between Eglinton Avenue West and Wilson Avenue

Date: February 25, 2020
To: TTC Board
From: Director – Commission Services

Summary

Transmittal letter from the City Clerk confirming that City Council on January 29, 2020, adopted the subject item and has forwarded a copy of City Council's decision to the Toronto Transit Commission Board for consideration.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the TTC Board consider City Council's decision, as follows:

1. That the Toronto Transit Commission Board request the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to report on the options and feasibility of converting or replacing the diesel buses on the Dufferin 29 route to Zero Emissions Electric Buses in order to reduce carbon emissions and help improve air quality in the Dufferin Corridor.

Signature

Kevin Lee
Director – Commission Services

Attachments

Attachment 1 – City Council Transmittal – Member Motion 14.12

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February 6, 2020

Councillor Jaye Robinson, Chair
Toronto Transit Commission Board
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Dear Councillor Robinson:

**Subject: Member Motion Item 14.12
Improving air quality in the Dufferin Street Corridor between Eglinton
Avenue West and Wilson Avenue**

City Council on January 29, 2020, adopted this Item, and in so doing, has requested the Toronto Transit Commission Board to request the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to report on the options and feasibility of converting or replacing the diesel buses on the Dufferin 29 route to Zero Emissions Electric Buses in order to reduce carbon emissions and help improve air quality in the Dufferin Corridor.

Yours truly,



for City Clerk

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Attachment

- c. City Manager
Director, Commission Services, Toronto Transit Commission



City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 14

MM14.12	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: 8
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Improving air quality in the Dufferin Street Corridor between Eglinton Avenue West and Wilson Avenue - by Councillor Mike Colle, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton

City Council Decision

City Council on January 29, 2020, adopted the following:

1. City Council request the Toronto Transit Commission Board to request the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to report on the options and feasibility of converting or replacing the diesel buses on the Dufferin 29 route to Zero Emissions Electric Buses in order to reduce carbon emissions and help improve air quality in the Dufferin Corridor.

Summary

Dufferin Street is one of Toronto's busiest and congested major arterial roads. The Dufferin Bus ranks eight on the Toronto Transit Commission bus ridership in the City carrying approximately 43,000 customers per weekday.

It is a key workplace and shopping-destination street with a number of big employers, which includes Dufferin Mall, Yorkdale Mall, COSTCO located just off Dufferin Street and it is a major gateway to Highway 401, East and West. Given the non-stop traffic gridlock, plus the unprecedented number of new high density residential and commercial development applications that are being brought forward for approval, it is crucial that further options be explored.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM14.12

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-145225.pdf>)