
Transit Advisory Committee

Date: November 7, 2023
Time: 6:05 PM
Location: Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 2nd Floor
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1
and Online Video Conference

Members Present	Councillor Joe Horneck	Ward 6 (Chair)
	Councillor Alvin Tedjo	Ward 2 (Vice-Chair)
	Councillor John Kovac	Ward 4
	Moaz Ahmad	Citizen Member
	Doris Cooper	Citizen Member
	David Fisher	Citizen Member
	Jonathan Giggs	Citizen Member
	Louroz Mercader (arrived at 6:34 PM)	Citizen Member
	Mark Song	Citizen Member
Steven Viera	Citizen Member	

Members Absent	Shauna Brail	Citizen Member
	Abbas Khambati	Citizen Member
	Julia Le	Citizen Member
	Paul Meo	Citizen Member

Staff Present	Geoff Wright, Commissioner, Transportation and Works
	Eve Wiggins, Director Transit
	Joe Perrotta, Director, Rapid Transit Program
	Mary-Lou Johnston, Senior Manager, Business Development
	Angie Melo, Legislative Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Horneck, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM

2. INDIGENOUS LAND STATEMENT

Councillor Horneck, Chair cited the Indigenous Land Statement.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

That the November 7, 2023 Transit Advisory Committee agenda be approved as presented.

Approved (D. Fisher)

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Transit Advisory Committee Draft Minutes - September 19, 2023

That the September 19, 2023 Transit Advisory Committee Minutes be approved.

Approved (D. Cooper)

6. DEPUTATIONS

6.1 Christian Parise, Resident, with respect to Making The Case: Transparent & Accountable and Service Planning for Mississauga

Christian Parise, provided an overview of transparent and accountable services for Mississauga.

Geoff Wright, Commissioner, Transportation and Works noted that Mr. Parise has raised valid points with respect to open data transparency and transit service performance and noted that this will be an area of focus to support city growth and development.

In response to Members of Committee's enquiries regarding solutions to provide relief of the current congestion and common issues on several routes, Mary-Lou Johnson, Senior Manager, Business Development explained the different types of solutions to provide relief to congested routes; however, noted that additional funding is required to enhance services.

RECOMMENDATION TAC-0015-2023

Moved By M. Song

That the deputation and associated presentation by Christian Praise, Resident with respect to Making the Case: Transparent & Accountable Services for Mississauga be received.

Received

6.2 Joe Perrotta, Director, Rapid Transit Program with respect to an Update on Rapid Transit

Joe Perrotta, Director, Rapid Transit Program Office provided an overview of the Rapid Transit Program projects including partnerships with Metrolinx.

Members of the Committee engaged in discussion and enquired about:

- timelines for the arrival of new vehicles;
- timelines for the completion of an Environmental Assessment;
- can services be expanded as demands warrant; especially with the demands expected in the Lakeview area as a result of the Ministers Zoning Order (MZO);
- what types of solutions are being explored to achieve the expected increase in service levels;
- do we have resources to make it work;
- who is responsible for maintenance/operating costs for the LRT;
- projection of how many riders will be utilizing the LRT;
- will there be only one train from Lakeshore to Square One and then to Gateway
- what is the projection of how many buses will be allocated

Joe Perrotta, Director, Rapid Transit Program and Geoff Wright, Commissioner, Transportation and Works responded to the enquiries from the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION TAC-0016-2023

Moved By M. Song

That the deputation and associated presentation by Joe Perrotta, Director, Rapid Transit Program with respect to an Update on Rapid Transit be received.

Received

7. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit - Nil

8. CONSENT AGENDA

9. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

9.1 2024 Budget Request (Geoff Wright, Commissioner, Transportation and Works - Verbal Update)

Geoff Wright; Commissioner, Transportation and Works advised that the proposed MiWay budget information will be detailed on the Budget Agenda due to be released later in the week., and highlighted the areas that will be presented.

Members of the Committee engaged in discussion and enquired about:

- statistics on "closed door" buses, due to overcrowding
- cost of new hydrogen buses update the committee on the hydrogen bus funding and alternative sustainable funding options
- proposed number of additional staff, and the timelines for recruitment
- allocation of budget for roadway improvements

Geoff Wright, Commissioner, Transportation and Works responded to enquires from the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION TAC-0017-2023

Moved By Councillor A. Tedjo

That the verbal update from Geoff Wright, Commissioner, Transportation and Works with respect to 2024 Budget Request, be received.

Received

9.2 Transit Advisory Committee Work Plan Discussion

Members of the Committee engaged in discussion and suggested the following items:

- Buses and bus stops all related to customer services
- New programs for persons with disabilities;
- Communication plan/best practices for grand opening of LRT;
- Survey campaign -for those who don't take public transportation and why they don't use it?; what would make them consider transit;
- What campaigns do we want to work for future services (what do those future services look like) to encourage ridership;
- Signage and way-finding on our stops

- Infrastructure crosswalks/light timings at bus stops
- Ontario Bill 131 – Transit Changes Update
- Rehabilitation of 427
- Impacts of dissolution (TransHelp) from the Region of Peel
- Metrolinx
 - implementing sunflower program;
 - SLA Agreement between Metrolinx and City of Mississauga
 - Liaise with Metrolinx and TTC re service connections and fare integration
- GTAA
 - Express service connect to the Airport
 - what is the future of the GTAA
 - Pearson Transit Centre connection
 - Airport Express
 - Trip generator
 - GTAA is a 'big whale' at the table
- Strategies/integration plan for Micromobility integration; bike Micromobility strategies, and “the last mile” - Micromobility refers to a range of small, lightweight vehicles operating at speeds typically below 25 km/h (15 mph) and driven by users personally. Micromobility devices include bicycles, e-bikes, electric scooters, electric skateboards, shared bicycle fleets, and electric pedal assisted (pedelec) bicycles.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 2024 Transit Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

Angie Melo, Legislative Coordinator be directed as follows:

1. look into the feasibility of increasing the frequency of the Transit Advisory Committee meetings.
2. schedule a Transit Advisory Committee Work Plan Discussion workshop for January/February 2024.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

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13. ADJOURNMENT - Councillor Kovac 7:48 PM

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