

New Business

TO: TTC Commission
FROM: Councillor Joe Mihevc
RE: Strategies to Alleviate Ridership Pressures on Line One
DATE: May 29, 2017

City Council at its meeting of May 23-25, 2017 supported the continued work on the downtown Relief Line. City Council has, on a number of occasions, affirmed this project as being among the primary projects for the next wave of TTC Capital Investment.

If all goes well, the earliest the line will open is in 2031. In the meantime, the line is over capacity, with downtown ridership expected to grow by 51% (from TTC Report October 24, 2012 on Downtown Rapid Transit Expansion). Clearly, the TTC needs to develop an interim "relief" strategy during this period of planning and construction of the Downtown Relief Line.

There are a variety of ideas rotating in the public domain on how to ease passenger congestion along the Yonge Line. They include:

- a) Express busses on Bay St during the morning peak in a dedicated right of way
- b) Line one subway trains stopping on alternate stations (as does Santiago, Chile) during peak hours
- c) Dynamic pricing during peak hours
- d) Express busses from selected areas to the downtown in the AM peak.
- e) Expansion of designated ROWs on selected light rail and bus routes.

Recommendation:

Request staff to report on strategies to release pressure on the Yonge-University Line while the Downtown Relief Line is being planned and built.

Sincerely



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