

NOTICE OF MOTION**South/Air Rail Link project****Moved by: Mayor Miller**

Seconded by: Councillor Nunziata

SUMMARY:

Improving transit connections to Pearson Airport is a top priority for the City of Toronto, the Toronto Transit Commission, the Province of Ontario, the Federal Government and Metrolinx, the Province of Ontario's regional transportation planning agency. A direct rail link between Pearson and Union Station will form an important piece of the larger network of new transit connections to the airport, which, within the next 15 years, will also include electrified express rail service in the Georgetown corridor and light rail on Eglinton and Finch. However, the project will have environmental impacts along the route, and the City of Toronto supports measures to ensure that it respects and provides service to the neighbourhoods that are affected. The project includes a stop at Bloor GO Station (at Dundas West Subway) but other stops could be added. Responsibility for the project has recently been transferred to Metrolinx, and a new Environmental Assessment process will be launched shortly.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That City Council oppose any road closures along the route.
2. That City Council supports the addition of new stops, including a stop in Weston.
3. That Metrolinx be requested to employ electric vehicles.
4. That public transit alternatives in the Georgetown corridor and serving the airport be a component of any service improvements.

January 27, 2009

According to Chapter 27, Council Procedures:

Fiscal Impact Statement provided	
Should have Fiscal Impact Statement prior to debate	*
Requires two-thirds to waive requirement if Council wishes to debate	