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Subject Agenda item 9.4.1: Transit Detour Process

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Comments

Since I already presented in person on this topic at SPCOT on 28 October 2019, I will not take up precious Council time again. I do, however, want to SUPPORT the motion before Council today, which was not unanimously supported at SPCOT (while the other two related motions were unanimously passed).

I would appreciate your attention to my comments in the attached document.

Thank you.

Attachments

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Your Worship, City Councillors

Topic: Agenda item 9.4.1: Transit Detour Process

Since I already presented in person on this topic at SPCOT on 28 October 2019, I will not take up precious Council time again. I do, however, want to support the motion before Council today, which was not unanimously supported in SPCOT:

- The Motion before Council today instructs Administration to continue the practice of posting ON-SITE detour notices for transit riders, while simultaneously continuing the effort to improve the system of timely electronic alerts. Regardless of the outcome of this motion, barricades and notices will continue to be put in place on site to detour other road users. Equitable treatment of all road users requires that the same courtesy and service be extended to transit riders as well – especially since many transit riders are not reached by electronic alerts by cell-phone at this time.

FYI, I want also to point out that two related motions were already passed at SPCOT and are thus not before Council today.

- Two motions were passed unanimously at SPCOT, asking Administration to streamline its detour procedures among various City departments in order to save taxpayers money, while making the on-site experience more useful for all road users, including transit riders. Since personnel who are on site (often City staff or their contractors) already put up barricades and post detour notices for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, they could, at the same time and at less cost to the city, also put up detour notices and temporary bus stop signs to serve transit riders. When dismantling the detour, staff on site could also remove all temporary structures and notices, including those put up for transit.

All three motions are important and the remaining motion, which is before Council today, also needs to be passed to provide efficient, equitable information to all users of the street in a fiscally responsible manner when there are disruptions due to construction or other city activities (e.g., parades).

Sincerely,

Peter Gallén