

MOTION ON NOTICE

3. Reducing Traffic Congestion in Vancouver

MOVER: Councillor Carr

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. Traffic congestion in Vancouver is a much-talked subject of public concern;
2. Traffic congestion results in idling vehicles and longer commute times that contribute to increased greenhouse gas emissions, which reduces our ability to meet our Greenest City Action Plan goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
3. The Independent Commission on Mobility Pricing, which is expected to release its final report to the Metro Vancouver Mayors' Council on Transportation and Translink's Board of Directors this spring, has been investigating mobility pricing tools to reduce congestion in Metro Vancouver municipalities;
4. On April 12, 2018, the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) focused their CivX 2018 workshop for local government officials on developing a "smart region" that uses technology and data to tackle goals such as reducing traffic congestion;
5. Vancouver's Transportation 2040 Plan supports regional road or congestion pricing (Goal M.4.2) and aims to "optimize network operations to manage congestion impacts" (Goal M.1.1) however does not include a goal to specifically reduce traffic congestion.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council direct staff to develop a Vancouver congestion reduction plan that:
 - i. Includes measuring greenhouse gas emissions associated with traffic congestion and sets goals for reducing those emissions;
 - ii. Synchronizes with the goals and actions of Vancouver's Transportation 2040 Plan;
 - iii. Responds to the recommendations arising out of the Metro Vancouver Independent Commission on Mobility Pricing.
- B. THAT staff report back to Council by September 2018 with a preliminary scoping of this plan, including recommendations, if necessary, for the acquisition of smart technologies needed to implement the plan.

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