

5. RESOLUTION FOR ENACTMENT OF YIELD TO BUSES LEGISLATION

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Ontario passed a legislation in 1994 giving priority to buses pulling back into the traffic stream from bus bays;

AND WHEREAS, improved transit priority leads to better service to users through notably improved reliability, reduced missed connections, reducing operating costs, increased ridership and decreased travel times;

AND WHEREAS, increased transit ridership has many positive benefits in terms of reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, traffic congestion, energy consumption, road and parking costs, traffic collisions and contributes to an improved urban environment and quality of life;

AND WHEREAS, full transit priority is in place in Quebec and British Columbia for buses pulling out of bus bays, and this has proved safe and effective;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT Regional Council urge the Province to ensure that regulations are written so that the legislation giving priority to buses pulling back into the traffic stream from bus bays can be enacted as soon as possible in Ontario.

DOCUMENTATION

1. Canadian Urban Transit Association memo dated 11 October 2000 is immediately attached.
2. Extract of Draft Minute, Transportation Committee 18 October 2000 follows the memo and includes a record of the vote.



Canadian Urban Transit Association
Association canadienne du transport urbain

Date: 11 October 2000
Memo to: Operating members of Ontario
Subject: *Bus Priority Legislation*

Further to the letter sent to you by CUTA on 5 September 2000 regarding the bus priority legislation, and in order to help transit systems in the adoption of a resolution on that particular issue, CUTA is hereby proposing to you the use of the following resolution wording. Each system is, of course, free to use its own wording, the following being drafted as a sample only.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to communicate with H el ene Tanguay, Technical Services Coordinator, at 55 York Street, Suite 901, Toronto, Ontario M5J 1R7, or by fax at (416) 365-1295. H el ene may also be reached by phone at (416) 365-9800, ext. 109, or by email at tanguay@cutaactu.on.ca.

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Extract of Draft Minute
Transportation Committee
18 October 2000

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- Canadian Urban Transit Association memo dated 11 Oct 00

Chair Holmes referred to a previously-distributed resolution which she wanted the committee and Regional Council to consider.

Moved by D. Holmes

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