

**City Council, Standing Committee and Commission
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Motion

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Committee / Commission: Transportation Committee
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Report / Agenda: STO Transit Study for Gatineau's West End: Integration with Ottawa -
Recommendations

Re: **Loop Option**

Moved by / Motion de: Councillor M. Fleury

WHEREAS the benefit of the STO electric tramway project is not being disputed as it would provide improvements for interprovincial transit customers, reduce the number of STO busses operating on Ottawa streets and help both cities reduce GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS the location of the STO tramway in the Nation's Capital must be carefully considered from all aspects, not just costs, as it will have a lasting impact for many generations and factor into the image of our Capital City; and

WHEREAS the STO tramway option on the surface of Wellington Street has many issues still to resolve with the federal government including requirement of additional property, consolidation of accesses, and funding; and

WHEREAS of the two options presented by the STO tram report, a below ground option would mitigate all issues associated with a surface option and allow City streets to evolve as future visions are consolidated and plans take shape; and

WHEREAS the Confederation Boulevard, which includes Wellington Street, is Ottawa's most attractive route and is of strategic importance to the Capital City in terms of design and its role in other significant plans including: the Rideau/Wellington/Sussex Node; the Interprovincial Transit Loop vision, the Alexandra Bridge reconstruction, and security of the Parliamentary Precinct; and

WHEREAS "The Loop" is a vision of an Ottawa-Gatineau transit loop served by buses or trains, which would provide convenient, daily transportation between the two cities and could transform Wellington Street, in front of Parliament Buildings, into a pedestrian mall;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that direction to staff to include a study funded 100% by the Federal Government for the feasibility of a transit Loop and

conversion of Wellington Street to a pedestrian mall in the update to the city of Ottawa TMP currently under review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study confirm that if either project is determined to be feasible and approved by City of Ottawa Council, that the cost of any further studies, including, design, construction operations and maintenance and potential upload of Wellington Street to the Federal Government be bourn by the Federal Government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council reaffirm to STO the importance of STO investments including seamless connection to the City of Ottawa's LRT investments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council encourage STO and the Federal government to review and include a Loop option facilitating transit connections between the City of Ottawa and the City of Gatineau's respective downtowns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, should the federal government/NCC pursue a detailed study of the interprovincial transit loop vision, that the City of Ottawa (including OC Transpo) participate in that study, along with the City of Gatineau and the STO; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council reiterates its current transit priorities to the Federal government and that any federal funding for the STO tramway does not limit or impact federal funding for the City of Ottawa's transit priorities such as Stage 3 LRT.