EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS public transit provides essential and universal mobility to residents within Canada's urban areas;

AND WHEREAS public transit increases roadway capacity by offering people a transportation choice other than the automobile;

AND WHEREAS public transit reduces greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution;

AND WHEREAS transit infrastructure investment needs for Canadian transit systems in the period 2006 to 2010 stand at $20.7-billion, with over $5-billion of this amount not fundable under current programs;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have inadequate revenue tools to finance the full cost of transit infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS, in response to these challenges and opportunities, the Big City Mayors' Caucus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has developed a National Transit Strategy containing the following key elements:

a) investment in public transit in the form of sustainable federal funding in the amount of $2 billion per year;
b) a commitment to integrated land use and transportation planning by participating municipalities;
c) federal tax incentives for transit users;
d) research that promotes information sharing and innovation among transit systems and identifies policy approaches all governments can use to increase ridership;
e) appropriate accountability measures;

THEREFORE BE IT IS RESOLVED THAT City Council:

1. Endorses the National Transit Strategy put forward by the Big City Mayors' Caucus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and;

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2. Directs the City Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to:
   - Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada
   - Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities
   - all local Members of Parliament
   - the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
   - the Canadian Urban Transit Association