EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Minute No. 485
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

Carried