Minute No. 223
Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – March 3, 2020

Item No. 1 Emergency Strobe Lights on Transit Buses

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and adopted the following:

1. That the Council Motion of January 31, 2020, to report back on the installation of emergency strobe lights on transit buses which would provide a warning to others in an emergency situation, be referred to the Transit Advisory Committee.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the forgoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Allard,

That the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 10, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 3, 2020, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works considered the Council Motion of January 31, 2020, and submitted the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Council Motion of January 31, 2020, to report back on the installation of emergency strobe lights on transit buses which would provide a warning to others in an emergency situation, be referred to the Transit Advisory Committee.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the forgoing.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 31, 2020, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works:

Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Nason,

WHEREAS the safety of City employees, specifically bus drivers, as well as passengers of Winnipeg Transit is paramount;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the City has implemented many safety measures since 2017 with the goal of improving the safety of Transit drivers and passengers;

AND WHEREAS in order to ensure the safety of taxi operators and passengers, the Vehicle for Hire By-law No. 129/2017 requires that in order to qualify for a taxi license all vehicles must be equipped with a strobe light affixed to the roof of the vehicle to provide a warning of an emergency situation;

AND WHEREAS a warning light affixed to transit buses would provide the ability for Winnipeg Transit drivers to warn others of an emergency situation and to contact police, similar to the current taxi alert system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back on the installation of emergency strobe lights on transit buses which would provide a warning to others in an emergency situation.