

**3. Motion to Determine the Scope, Approximate Cost, and Timeline for a Study to Examine the Effects of Various Fare Structures on Transit Ridership**

**Motion visant à déterminer la portée, les coûts approximatifs et l'échéancier d'une étude qui aurait comme objectif d'examiner les effets de différentes structures de tarification sur le nombre d'usagers du transport en commun**

**COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council consider this matter.**

**RECOMMANDATION DE LA COMMISSION**

**Que le Conseil examine cette question.**

Documentation/Documentation

1. Transit Commission Report, dated March 30, 2022  
(ACS2022-OCC-GEN-0016)

Rapport de la Commission du transport en commun, daté le 30 mars 2022  
(ACS2022-OCC-GEN-0016 )

2. Extract of draft Minutes, Transit Commission, 30 March 2022

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Commission du transport en commun, le 30 mars 2022

**Subject: Motion to Determine the Scope, Approximate Cost, and Timeline for  
a Study to Examine the Effects of Various Fare Structures on Transit  
Ridership**

**File Number: ACS2022-OCC-GEN-0016**

**Report to Council on 13 April 2022**

**Submitted on March 30, 2022 by the Transit Commission**

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**Ward: Citywide**

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**Rapport au Conseil le 13 avril 2022**

**Soumis le 30 mars 2022 par la Commission du transport en commun**

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**Quartier : À l'échelle de la ville**

## **REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council consider this matter.**

## **RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Conseil examine cette question.**

## BACKGROUND

On December 1, 2021, the following Motion (No TRC 2021-24/2) was moved by Councillor S. Menard at Transportation Committee:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in recognition of the effect that increased transit use could have on reducing auto traffic and potential positive outcomes for the City's transportation network, that Transportation Committee recommend that Council direct the Transit Commission to have staff to determine the scope, approximate cost, and timeline for a study to examine the effects of various fare structures on transit ridership, including free transit in the month of December 2021, free transit for those in grade school and secondary school, free transit in clogged corridors such as Bank Street, and universal free transit or a city-wide U-pass and that this study consider the implications of those options on tourism, equity, service levels, and the Long Range Financial Plan, inclusive of potential future federal support for transit operations.**

Transportation Committee then referred the motion to Transit Commission. The following regular Transit Commission meeting was held on March 30, 2022, at which this motion was considered.

## DISCUSSION

As further set out in the extract of draft Minutes, Transit Commission considered the referred motion at its March 30, 2022 meeting, including hearing public delegations. The following direction to staff was also introduced during the meeting:

### DIRECTION TO STAFF

Councillor T. Tierney

**That staff be directed to review the impact of various funding strategies on affordability and financial sustainability, including fare increases, the ratio between fare and transit tax as part of the Transit Services Long Range Financial Plan (LRFP) that will be coming to FEDCO in Q2 2022.**

Following discussion, Councillor C. McKenney (on behalf of Councillor S. Menard) moved that this item in its entirety be referred to Council for consideration at its next meeting on April 13, 2022.

The referral of the entire item carried.

Accordingly, this matter will be before Council for consideration at its meeting of April 13, 2022, without a recommendation from the Commission. As a result, a further direction/ motion of Council will be required to initiate any action from staff on this matter.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There would be a cost to carry out the work described in the motion by Councillor Menard. Staff may need to retain a specialist consultant to assist in developing an outline of the work that would be required for a study and an estimate of the costs to carry out such a study. Staff estimate that this may require several hours of a specialist consultant's time but would certainly be less than \$50,000. Staff would fund this from existing capital authority. Council should note that using approved capital funds for this purpose will reduce slightly the availability of funds for other approved capital projects.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Legal Services is aware of the report and will be available to answer any questions at Council.

### **COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)**

This report is City-wide in nature.

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) COMMENTS**

This report was drafted to transmit the Motion approved at Commission to Council; no Advisory Committees were consulted in the preparation of this report.

### **CONSULTATION**

This report was drafted to transmit the Motion approved at Commission to Council. The Transit Commission meeting on March 30, 2022 was open to the public. Commission received oral submissions from four residents, and six written submissions.

### **ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

This report was drafted to transmit the Motion approved at Commission to Council; no Accessibility Impacts have been identified. Staff will be available at Council if

clarification is required.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

This report was drafted to transmit the Motion approved at Commission to Council; no Risk Management Implications were identified in the preparation of this report.

### **RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

This report was drafted to transmit the Motion approved at Commission to Council; no Rural Implications were identified in the preparation of this report.

### **TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

This report was drafted to transmit the Motion approved at Commission to Council; no specific Term of Council Strategic Priorities have been identified. Staff will be available at the Council meeting to respond to questions, as necessary.

### **DISPOSITION**

Staff will implement Council's decision(s), as directed.