



Report Number: C2019-0574

Meeting: Combined Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: 2019 April 29

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: PREVENTING TRAFFIC CHAOS AND ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY IN SOUTHWEST CALGARY

Sponsoring Councillor: JEROMY FARKAS

WHEREAS The City of Calgary owns, operates and maintains a wide range of infrastructure assets that support social, economic and environmental services that The City provides;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary is responsible for maintaining a growing network that supports the safety and mobility of Calgarians and completes a large number of temporary traffic control setups per year (over 24,000 completed in 10 months in 2018);

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary uses a Temporary Traffic Control Manual that is available on Calgary.ca that has been developed in consultation with industry and includes best practices for traffic detour installations;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary issues City Wide Annual Permits to contractors, which provides them permission to work under a set of conditions and implement their own temporary traffic control on Collector and Residential roads as classified by the City of Calgary Road and Street Network Map;

AND WHEREAS a significant number of major construction projects in a concentrated area present logistical challenges for efficient coordination and emergency access;

AND WHEREAS emergency work unrelated to construction projects must be allowed in the event of utility disruptions and emergency repairs;

AND WHEREAS residents, businesses and visitors to Calgary greatly value a well-maintained, coordinated and safe transportation network;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council requests Administration to provide an explanation to the public regarding the execution of the April 18th closures as part of the Southwest BRT Project;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council directs City Administration to only proceed with full closures of a major roadway or intersection in SW Calgary (bounded by Glenmore Trail, Anderson Road, 14th Street SW and SW Ring Road) when there are no additional single lane closures impacting travel on major roads within the same area;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs Administration to implement the following additional parameters when executing future road closures relating to this project:

1. Provide public notice of time and date of disruption
2. Provide public notice of alternate routes
3. Conduct a cross-departmental check on work being done on alternate routes
4. Provide warning signs installed with sufficient notice for drivers to change directions
5. Implement traffic signal timing adjustments to minimize traffic congestion
6. Provide police or trained transportation staff to direct traffic if necessary
7. Evaluate whether temporary lanes can be built to alleviate congestion
8. Provide notification to Alberta Health Services, EMS staff, Calgary Fire and Calgary Police
9. Provide a plan for emergency vehicle access as required by emergency services.