



10. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 [BILL 212, REDUCING GRIDLOCK, SAVING YOU TIME ACT, 2024 \(CITY-WIDE\)](#)

1. That the staff report titled “Bill 212, Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024 (City-wide) be received; and,
2. That Council request the Province to allow municipalities to determine the appropriateness of implementing bicycle lanes on municipal road networks without the need for Provincial approval and that the City of Markham be exempt from the bike lane regulations of Bill 212; and,
3. That, notwithstanding Recommendation #2, Council request the Province to provide clarification on the following matters pertaining to Schedule 4 of Bill 212:
 - a. A formal procedure outlining the process and requirements that municipalities are to follow when submitting relevant projects for review; and,
 - b. A formal identification of which classifications of road are affected by the proposed legislation, given that:
 - i. the proposed legislation allows the Minister to exempt public highways or classes of highways at their discretion; and,
 - ii. media comments from provincial officials indicate that bicycle lanes should not be on primary roads, and instead be placed on secondary roads; and,
 - c. What technical criteria the Ministry of Transportation is using to determine whether a project “*would unduly diminish the orderly movement of motor vehicle traffic*”; and,
 - d. If road lane reductions for road safety considerations are exempt from the Ministry’s review; and,
 - e. What type of traffic information is being requested from the municipality, by the Ministry, to inform their review of proposed and existing bicycle lanes;
 - f. Whether a municipality is permitted to remove a travel lane to provide for an on-road facility other than a dedicated bicycle lane such as a parking lane or urban road shoulders; and,



- g. Whether the Province will fully reimburse the municipality for all associated costs incurred for existing bicycle lanes or active projects that are not approved by the Ministry; and,
4. That staff submit this resolution to the Ministry of Transportation on November 20, 2024 through the Environmental Registry of Ontario to meet the commenting deadline for Bill 212; and further; and,
5. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

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