

**City Council, Standing Committee and Commission  
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**Motion**

**Notice of Motion / Avis de motion**

Committee / Commission: Transportation Committee  
Comité / Commission : Comité des transports

Report / Agenda: STO Transit Study for Gatineau's West End: Integration with Ottawa -  
Recommendations

Re: **Loop Option**

Moved by / Motion de: Councillor M. Fleury

**WHEREAS the benefit of the STO electric tramway project is not being disputed as it would provide improvements for interprovincial transit customers, reduce the number of STO busses operating on Ottawa streets and help both cities reduce GHG emissions; and**

**WHEREAS the location of the STO tramway in the Nation's Capital must be carefully considered from all aspects, not just costs, as it will have a lasting impact for many generations and factor into the image of our Capital City; and**

**WHEREAS the STO tramway option on the surface of Wellington Street has many issues still to resolve with the federal government including requirement of additional property, consolidation of accesses, and funding; and**

**WHEREAS of the two options presented by the STO tram report, a below ground option would mitigate all issues associated with a surface option and allow City streets to evolve as future visions are consolidated and plans take shape; and**

**WHEREAS the Confederation Boulevard, which includes Wellington Street, is Ottawa's most attractive route and is of strategic importance to the Capital City in terms of design and its role in other significant plans including: the Rideau/Wellington/Sussex Node; the Interprovincial Transit Loop vision, the Alexandra Bridge reconstruction, and security of the Parliamentary Precinct;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council reaffirm to STO the importance of STO investments including seamless connection to the City of Ottawa's LRT investments; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council encourage STO and the Federal government to review and include a Loop option facilitating transit connections between the City of Ottawa and the City of Gatineau's respective downtowns; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, should the federal government/NCC pursue a detailed study of the interprovincial transit loop vision, that the City of Ottawa (including OC Transpo) participate in that study, along with the City of Gatineau and the STO;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council reiterates its current transit priorities to the Federal government and that any federal funding for the STO tramway does not limit or impact federal funding for the City of Ottawa's transit priorities such as Stage 3 LRT.