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## **TTC Approves Recommendations to Improve Transit along the Dufferin Street Corridor**

The TTC Board unanimously approved a request to improve transit along the Dufferin Street corridor, setting the stage for more frequent bus service as well as new express bus services that will benefit thousands of west-end commuters.

"This is exciting news for transit users that rely on the 29 Dufferin bus," said TTC Chair Josh Colle. "I'm especially pleased that Deputy Mayor Bailão and I were able to work together to accelerate the start of the new Dufferin express bus to begin this fall, rather than the initial estimated start date of 2021."

This decision comes after City Council in July 2016 passed a motion put forward by TTC Chair Josh Colle and Deputy Mayor Ana Bailão, that requested City Planning and the TTC report back on several items related to transit service and transit capacity along Dufferin Street, from Wilson Station to the Exhibition Place.

"While we have successfully made service improvements to the Dufferin Street corridor in recent years, the increase in population and employment growth meant that more needed to be done," said Deputy Mayor Ana Bailão. "I'm proud that Chair Colle and I were able to advocate on behalf of our constituents to ensure these much needed changes became a reality."

The 29 Dufferin bus route is one of the top five busiest surface transit corridors in the TTC transit network carrying approximately 43,000 customers per weekday.

Numerous service increases and reliability improvements have been made to the 29 Dufferin bus route in recent years to accommodate demand. Key improvements are planned for September and October 2018. The TTC will implement the following capacity improvements:

- Introduction of high-capacity articulated buses on Sundays;
- Routing change that provides full service from Wilson Station to the Exhibition Dufferin Gate loop and the elimination of the 29B short-turn branch; and

- Early implementation of the Board-approved *Express Bus Network Study* recommendation of express bus service on the Dufferin Street corridor between Wilson Station and Dufferin Gate Loop.

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