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Standing Committee on Social Policy
Bill 171 – Building Transit Faster Act, 2020

In the past as a commuter of many decades using Queen & King Streetcars to and from work I'm in full support of improving Toronto Transit. We need to plan, ensure proper processes are followed, ensuring proper implementations, do due diligence in each step/part of the project all in all for a successful end result. Plus ensure the partnerships are in place as part of the project from start to finish in partnerships the communities, business partners and the levels government.

The Bill 171 Building Transit Faster Act 2020 as is needs to be amended to protect citizen's rights as per Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, not take away citizen's rights in Bill 171 in the following sections Right of Way Access, Access to Land, Ability to Enter Land, Relocating Utilities on one's property, right to appeal Expropriation. This Bill 171 throughout takes away our right as citizens this needs to be addressed upfront and citizens' rights need to be added to those sections.

Building Transit Faster (speedier) is not the way to go as per Bill 171. This is a Bill heading the entire project into disaster. I must include starting ahead of completing full environment studies on this build could lead to delays, added costs and possibly causing deaths of people.

For my example where building faster, skipping steps, skipping completed Environmental Studies and not following step by step nor doing due diligence caused the project delays, more costs, more time and is still having on going issues is the City of Toronto and TTC project to replace Toronto Streetcars.

Brief History (shortened) TTC Replace Streetcars with New Streetcars

https://ttc.ca/About_the_TTC/Commission_reports_and_information/Commission_meetings/2018/June_12/Reports/26_New_Streetcar_Program_RFI_for_60_Additional_Streetcars.pdf

April 2006 - A Board decision was made to procure accessible streetcars to replace the streetcar fleet (ALRV and CLRV) that was approaching the end of its design life.

January 2008 - A Request for Proposal was posted on the TTC's Web site.

April 27, 2009 meeting, the TTC Board approved a staff recommendation to award to Bombardier the contract for the supply of streetcars to replace the aging fleet

June 26, 2009, Toronto City Council approved the funds required to complete the purchase of 204 low floor streetcars.

4 streetcars were forecasted for delivery by August 31, 2014, the inaugural launch of the new fleet; however, only two were supplied

The actual number of streetcars delivered as of December 31, 2014 was three and Bombardier revised their projection for 2015 down from 36 to 27 streetcars.

Issues for the New Streetcars

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2013/03/25/modifications-needed-to-accommodate-new-streetcars-for-st-clair-ave/>

Modifications needed to accommodate new streetcars for St. Clair Ave.

Forcing months of closure on St Clair

<https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2016/06/16/new-streetcars-force-months-long-closure-of-busy-st-clair-route.html>

TR” type trains are ordered for Line 2, they cannot be serviced at Greenwood because they will not fit in the carhouse.
<https://steveemunro.ca/2019/01/21/33-billion-and-counting-part-ii/>

New streetcar barn had to be built. New location Leslie and Lakeshore. TTC started building Leslie streetcar barn at South East corner at Leslie and Lakeshore.

Issue at Leslie and Lakeshore beforehand an environment study should have been done prior to building Leslie barn.

Now new issue the rain water runoff pipes run under Leslie and Lakeshore new streetcar weight can't go to the barns there.

Now have to dig up Leslie/Lakeshore, add structural support for the new streetcars.

Overall if there had been proper planning, due diligence of the overall purchase/project there would have not been as many delays, errors, time lost, additional expenses and a completed environmental study would have avoided the issue at Leslie/Lakeshore.

New Streetcars are having technical issues to this day.

Only if someone had taken the time to measure.

Measure twice cut once!

I'm out of time. I want the right to appeal fair market offer and I wanted all expenses covered to if I have to move.

Sincerely Janice La Chapelle