



MEMO / NOTE DE SERVICE

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Subject / Objet	Westboro Collision – Safety Engineering Reports	Date: December 20, 2021

Further to a memo distributed on September 3, 2021, the purpose of this memo is to provide Members of Council and the Transit Commission with a progress update on work related to the independent road safety studies, following the tragic January 11, 2019 bus collision at Westboro Station. All outstanding remedial actions are now complete. As a result, the associated safety reports may now be released publicly, and are available at <https://ottawa.ca/en/routine-disclosure-and-active-dissemination-plans>.

In response to the collision, the Fatal Collision Review Committee, a multi-agency initiative under the mandate of the *Coroner's Act* and comprised of representatives of the Ottawa Police Service, the City, and the Eastern Regional Supervising Coroner's Office, reviewed the circumstances of the collision. One of the committee's recommendations was to commission an independent road safety study of the Transitway at and near Westboro Station.

The study, carried out by two independent engineering firms, was conducted in two steps:

1. Parsons Corporation conducted a road safety audit, following the Transportation Association of Canada procedures in the *Canadian Road Safety Audit Guide*, the *Canadian Guide to In-Service Road Safety Reviews* and the *Applied Human Factors in Road Safety Guide*.
2. Intus Road Safety Engineering Inc. prepared specific recommendations for the City, which was a requirement of the road safety audit process.

Based on recommendations from the Intus report, the City has completed the following actions at Westboro Station:

- Removed loose, fallen rock from the shoulders of the roadway east and west of the station
- Installed highly visible black and yellow striping on station elements within three metres of the platform edge

- Replaced No-Parking signs with No-Stopping signs in the hatched area west of the station
- Reviewed and replaced traffic control signs at and near the station, where required, to meet retroreflectivity standards
- Reviewed, replaced or adjusted keep-right, object marker and lane-ends signs, as appropriate
- The platform and roadway continue to be maintained to ensure proper drainage

In April 2022, the section of the Transitway through Westboro Station will close as part of the Stage 2 west extension of O-Train Line 1. At that time, all existing structures at Westboro Station will be removed. Staff will engage with Ward Councillor Leiper to ensure that the memorial at the station is respectfully taken down.

Should you have any questions about these two studies or the work that has been and will be carried out at Westboro Station, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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