



Direction Memorandum

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**To: W. Holmes, General Manager, Durham Region
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**From: Alexander Harras, Director of Legislative
Services/Regional Clerk**

Date: November 26, 2025

**Re: Resolution adopted by Regional Council at its
meeting held on November 26, 2025**

Departmental Reports & Other Resolutions – Item #10.2

See Attached Resolution

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Director of Legislative Services/Regional Clerk

Motion Concerning DRT

The following Motion was referred to the Transit Executive Committee:

WHEREAS the subdivision west of Harmony Rd N at Nancy Diamond Blvd is now being occupied and currently the only access to this subdivision is via Nancy Diamond Blvd; and

WHEREAS many of the residents of this subdivision rely on public transit as their main mode of transportation but currently there is no existing Durham Regional Transit route serving this area with the closest DRT stop being located at the corner of Conlin Rd E & Harmony Rd N which 1.6 km south of Nancy Diamond Blvd; and

WHEREAS there is DRT “On Demand” service but it requires both the initial and return trips to be pre-booked up to a week in advance, so it does not provide reasonable or sufficient services to these residents it does not account for any delays or schedule changes by a resident or DRT; and

WHEREAS if a resident uses “On Demand” service but a return trip cannot be scheduled, is missed or cancelled due to delays or schedule changes the resident can only take regular DRT service to Conlin Rd E and Harmony Rd N forcing them to potentially walk the 1.6 km along Harmony Rd N to get to their home; and

WHEREAS Harmony Rd N is a Regional Rd that currently does not have adequate space for a sidewalk which presents a safety risk to pedestrians as it can be difficult for a motorist to avoid an unexpected pedestrian in the roadway, especially at night or during inclement weather; and

WHEREAS Harmony Rd N has seen a visible and significant increase in both traffic and speeds since the removal of Hwy 407 tolls which is exacerbating the issue and raises the risk to public safety; and

WHEREAS the Region of Durham is responsible for improving safety for all road users, which include pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and vehicle passengers and Council’s endorsed “Vision Zero” states “the guiding principle is safety prioritized over factors such as cost, speed, delay, level of service and convenience, factors upon which decisions were traditionally made”; and

WHEREAS it is understood that this area of Harmony Rd N cannot be reconstructed to accommodate the installation of sidewalks this immediate safety concern and risk must be addressed; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to:

1. Determine how Durham Regional Transit can, in addition to the “On Demand” service, immediately provide some form of regular transit service for the residents of this subdivision.