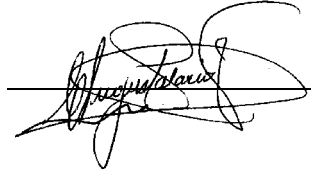


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ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Report Request – Traffic Impacts of Bridge Widening St. Clair and Old Weston Road

Moved by: Councillor Cesar Palacio



SUMMARY:

The St. Clair Avenue West – Keele Street and St. Clair Avenue West – Old Weston Road intersections are two of Toronto's worst and infamous bottlenecks and traffic congestion locations. Local residents and businesses continue to be frustrated by this massive congestion, as are TTC vehicles which get caught in the congestion that interferes with the efficiency of their operations significantly.

Traffic infiltrating down from the 400-series highways continues to inundate this area with congestion. The recent and planned residential developments in the former stockyards area and Tumberly area have also significantly contributed to the problem, as has the proliferation of several big box stores in the immediate vicinity. The current and projected congestion levels are clearly unsustainable, and the economic and social impacts substantial.

A traffic study is needed to determine the extent of the problem and what options are available to remedy it, such as widening the underpass. This report will determine if there is a justification for doing so, or what other measures may be introduced to deal with the present problem which is expected to increase exponentially in the near future.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That staff conduct a traffic study and traffic counts and to report to an upcoming meeting of the Etobicoke York Community Council on the traffic volumes and movements at these two adjacent intersections, including rush-hours, midday and weekends, and discuss the potential benefits of bridge widening or other alternatives to alleviate the traffic problem.

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