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RE: Traffic Calming Measures, Hanson Street and Bastedo Avenue - Installation of "All-Way Stop Controls.

Upon review of the proposal for installation of traffic calming measures (All-Way Stop Controls), I have the following comments.

Toronto Fire Services is not supportive of the proposed installation of additional stop controls on Hanson Street. Although a stop sign is not a physical obstruction it does impact on fire vehicles during response, as they are required to come to a complete stop at all stop controls they encounter travelling to an emergency location. The impact is more significant when numerous stop signs are encountered on a short section of street. In the case of Hanson Street there are existing stop controls at Hillington Avenue, Draydon Avenue and Copeland Avenue, all intersection are very close together.

It is imperative that the individuals directly affected by this installation be made fully aware of the potential negative effects of the proposed calming devices. Careful consideration must be given to accepting delays of emergency response vehicles as a trade off to combat the risks presented by regular vehicle traffic.


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