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Attn: Chair & Members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

From: Councillor Frances Nunziata

Re: Allowing 30 km/hr speed limits on local roads

I frequently receive requests for a reduced speed limit of 30 km/hr on local roads, only to have to explain to constituents that, in the City of Toronto, speed limits are not reduced below 40 km/h without the introduction of physical traffic calming measures.

The Medical Officer of Health has publicly voiced his support for reducing the speed limit on residential streets to 30 km/hr. In addition, the Community Councils have approved reducing the speed limits on a number of local roads to 30 km/hr without the existence of traffic calming.

While previous discussion regarding a blanket reduction of the speed limit on all residential streets to 30 km/hr was met with criticism, considering this reduction on a street-by-street basis may prove to be beneficial.

It is my understanding that Transportation Services is currently considering developing criteria under which 30 km/hr speed limits could be recommended in the absence of physical traffic calming measures.

I therefore request that the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee:

Request that the General Manager of Transportation Services report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee in January 2015 with criteria under which 30 km/hr speed limits could be recommended in the absence of physical traffic calming measures.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Nunziata
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