Toronto Catholic District School Board

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TRUSTEE, WARD 9

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To Whom It May Concern,

Re. Eglinton Connect Planning Study

As the locally elected trustee for the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), and member of a non-car family often on Eglinton Avenue, I am writing to express my support for the recommendations coming out of the Eglinton Connects Planning Study and Business Association in their proposal for a "Complete Street" design featuring continuous, protected bicycle lanes, wider sidewalks, large trees, street furniture and patio space.

My six-year-old son observed on a recent morning walk to school along St Clair Avenue, "cars have so much space, and people and doggies (we have 2 dogs) so little – we should get more space." The TCDSB has developed a Transportation Demand Management Plan which encourages our students to walk or bike to school – but, the lack of space which my son keenly observed speaks volumes in terms of the value city leaders actually place on these initiatives.

Not only will these changes result in a safer, more vibrant, accessible and inviting street for everyone – especially children and older persons – but, they are clearly aligned with the objectives of the Missing Sidewalk Program, which is focused on improving the safety and well-being of local residences.

These recommendations very practically help to create "community" – one which values the dignity and worth of all.

Do let me know if you require anything further from me in support of these community recommendations.

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