

Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

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To: Councillor Jaye Robinson; Councillor Holyday; Councillor Mammoliti; Councillor Perruzza; Councillor Carmichael Greb; Public Works and Infrastructure Committee; Councillor Lee
Cc: Mayor Tory; Cycle Toronto; Councillor Fletcher; Councillor Fragedakis
Subject: PW24.5 Speed Limit on Bayview Avenue from Pottery Road (Northerly Intersection) to River Street Ramp

Members of Public Works and Infrastructure Committee,

I write on behalf of all people who ride their bikes along Bayview.

Please **do not approve** an increased speed limit on Bayview!

Speed Kills. This is an indisputable fact. A person hit at 50km/h has a ~50% chance of survival, but at 60km/h the likelihood of death is ~90%. This fact is the core foundation of Vision Zero.

In 2012 - 2013 the City commissioned a [Master Plan](#) for the Lower Don Trail. Significant upgrades have been made. There is now an improved protected trail to better access the Evergreen Brickworks. There is a new pedestrian and cycling bridge at the bottom of Pottery Road, trail connections upgrades and new signage.

Further, just last council meeting City Council [approved a ravine strategy](#).

This is an area the city has continued to invest in and were now thousands and thousands of people come by foot and by bike! And they come from all directions, including Leaside from the North.

Anyone riding a bike or walking from Leaside down Bayview is at serious risk from deadly high speed cars. There is no guard rail of protection here, there is only infrequent sidewalks and painted lanes. **Painted lines do not protect people on bikes.**

This painted lane stretch of Pottery Road to Moore has already been identified in the **10 year bike plan** as a [project for 2016](#) (it did not materialize)

In May 2016 Councillor Fragedakis [motioned a Functional Planning Study](#) for the Bayview Avenue Extension to address connectivity and safety of all road users. Council approved it (it has not yet materialized)

In June 2017, a [joint letter](#) was sent to the Councillors from concerned residents in the area urging them to action improved safety for Bayview Ave asap.

An increased speed limit cannot be the conclusion to all of this work!

We agree that people drive their vehicles much too fast down Bayview. The solution is not an anti-Vision Zero increase to the speed limit, the **solution is to fix the road design** to slow down the natural driving speed. A parallel route, the DVP, exists where cars are allowed to speed quickly and pedestrians and bikes are prohibited. Bayview is the spine of the lower don ravine, used by thousands of people on foot or bike, it is not a place for deadly high speeds.

We urge you to **vote against the speed limit increase** and instead direct staff to report on safety measures to Bayview Avenue between Pottery Road and Moore that will protect the thousands of people who ride here.

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