



IE10.12.2

December 16, 2019

Attention: Marilyn Toft
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Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
By email to: councilmeeting@toronto.ca

RE: IE10:12 Eglinton Connects Streetscape Improvements

Dear Mayor Tory and members of City Council,

The South Eglinton Ratepayers' and Residents' Association (SERRA) represents the community in the SE quadrant of the Y-E Secondary Plan area. SERRA has proudly served our community for 50+ years.

We strongly support the Infrastructure and Environment Committee's recommendation that "City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in the first quarter of 2020 on a strategy to accelerate design work on the Eglinton Connects Streetscape Improvements to align with the opening of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, including a plan to coordinate with Metrolinx any construction between stations along Eglinton Avenue" ([IE10.12](#)).

However, we are concerned whether the current design of the Eglinton Connects Streetscape between Mt Pleasant Rd and Avenue Rd will adequately meet the needs of all types of transportation, including vehicular traffic for the Yonge-Eglinton community. The Eglinton Connects Streetscape section between Avenue Rd and Mt Pleasant Rd, which will see a reduction of vehicular traffic from 4 lanes to 2 lanes, may create the potential for greater use of neighbourhood streets. We are also concerned about the ability of emergency services to provide speedy service.

The Yonge-Eglinton area is continuing to experience explosive population growth due to ongoing development activities.

For instance, the Soudan apartment neighbourhood with a population of 6,600 residents as per the 2016 Canada Census will see its population grow by 125% to 14,800 residents, due to 12 developments of which only two have been completed and occupied so far. Due to the permissive development regulations of OPA 405, we expect additional tall developments to be proposed in this area.

All the Soudan developments will primarily be accessible via Eglinton Ave East or Soudan Ave (a local neighbourhood street).

Other apartment neighbourhoods in the Yonge-Eglinton area are experiencing similar explosive population growth.

Since the Eglinton Connects Streetscape study was conducted quite some time ago, we would like to request that the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division reassess the design of this section of the Eglinton Connects Streetscape to ensure it takes into account the expected exponential population growth as part of their design work on the Eglinton Connects Streetscape Improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

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