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Date: December 2, 2020
To: Members of Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Councillor Mark Grimes
Subject: Urgent Traffic Safety on Burnhamthorpe Road Update, Ward 3

SUMMARY

On March 12, 2020, Etobicoke York Community Council adopted my motion EY14.16 which directed Transportation Services to report back to the June 9, 2020 meeting of Community Council on all possible measures to improve safety on Burnhamthorpe Road between Dundas Street West and Kipling Avenue. Specifically, staff were asked to investigate opportunities which included but not limited to: enacting a Community Safety Zone; reducing the speed limit; installing permanent Watch Your Speed signage; installing physical barriers such as guardrails; reducing the number of lanes; pedestrian crossing protection; road re-classification; and any additional signage i.e. "hidden driveway" etc.

Transportation Services staff have advised that must conduct traffic studies before implementing many of the measures listed above. Due to impacts of COVID-19, Transportation Services was not able to report back to the EYCC on June 9, 2020. Traffic studies were suspended effective March 19, 2020, and Traffic Operations staff were reassigned to other priority projects within the City, therefore, a report to the June 9, 2020 Etobicoke York Community Council was not provided.

I am requesting that Transportation Services staff report to the next possible meeting of Etobicoke York Community Council with responses to each of the urgent safety requests listed above.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Etobicoke York Community Council request:

1. City Council designate Burnhamthorpe Road, between Dundas Street West and Kipling Avenue as a Community Safety Zone and amend Municipal Code Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, accordingly.

Sincerely,

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2. Transportation Services staff to conduct traffic studies as soon as possible to identify and expedite any potential recommendations to improve safety on Burnhamthorpe Road between Dundas Street West and Kipling Avenue.

3. Transportation Services staff report to the March 3, 2021 meeting of the Community Council on possible measures to improve safety on Burnhamthorpe Road between Dundas Street West and Kipling Avenue, such as: reducing the speed limit; installing permanent Watch Your Speed signage; installing physical barriers such as guardrails; reducing the number of lanes; pedestrian crossing protection; road re-classification; and any additional signage i.e. "hidden driveway" etc.

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