

EY 13.22.3



**Councillor Vincent Crisanti**  
**Ward 1 - Etobicoke North**



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Dear colleagues,

**RE: Support for EY13.22**

I am requesting your support for EY13.22 Traffic Control Signals - Steeles Avenue West and Gihon Spring Drive/Leisure World Driveway. This is a very unsafe intersection and one at which local residents, TTC riders and Toronto Police support a signal.

I have attached a fact sheet and several photographs with information about the intersection but would like to reinforce a number of important points:

- Steeles Avenue is a four-lane major arterial road. The speed limit at the intersection is 60km/h yet Toronto Police regularly record traffic travelling at 90km/h or faster. Officers have clocked vehicles as high as 103km/h. There is a slight bend in the road, making it difficult to see oncoming traffic.
- The intersection is a gateway to a residential neighbourhood to the south and an old age home to the north. There are TTC stops on the north and south sides of Steeles Avenue. Pedestrians, **including those with walkers and strollers**, are regularly seen crossing. One man using a walker visits the old age home on foot twice daily to feed his mother.
- The nearest signalized intersection is more than 500m away. There is no sidewalk on the north side of Steeles Avenue, meaning that TTC riders returning from work and in the evening and seniors wanting to go for a walk need to either walk through the grass to a traffic signal at Islington Road or Martin Grove Road or risk crossing during rush hour.

There are no other comparable intersections on Steeles Avenue West that are not signalized. To put this matter into perspective, the 24 hour volume on Steeles Avenue near Gihon Spring Drive is 35,448. In comparison, the nearby intersection of Gihon Spring Drive and Martin Grove Road *does* have a traffic signal, despite the 24 hour volume being 14,501.

Toronto Police report 11 accidents near the intersection in the past year and one fatal accident near this intersection in the last three years. I am requesting your support in bringing some measure of safety to the residents of this area before another life is lost.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to be in touch with me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vince'.

Vince

**60 km/h**

speed limit at Steeles Avenue West and Gihon Spring Drive

**90 km/h**

regular recorded speeds by Toronto Police Service

**40**

pedestrians crossing the intersection in an 8-hour period

**2**

number of TTC stops at the intersection

**550m**

distance to the nearest signalled intersection

**1**

number of seniors homes at the intersection

**1**

number of residential neighbourhoods at the intersection

**11**

number of accidents in 2011 near the intersection

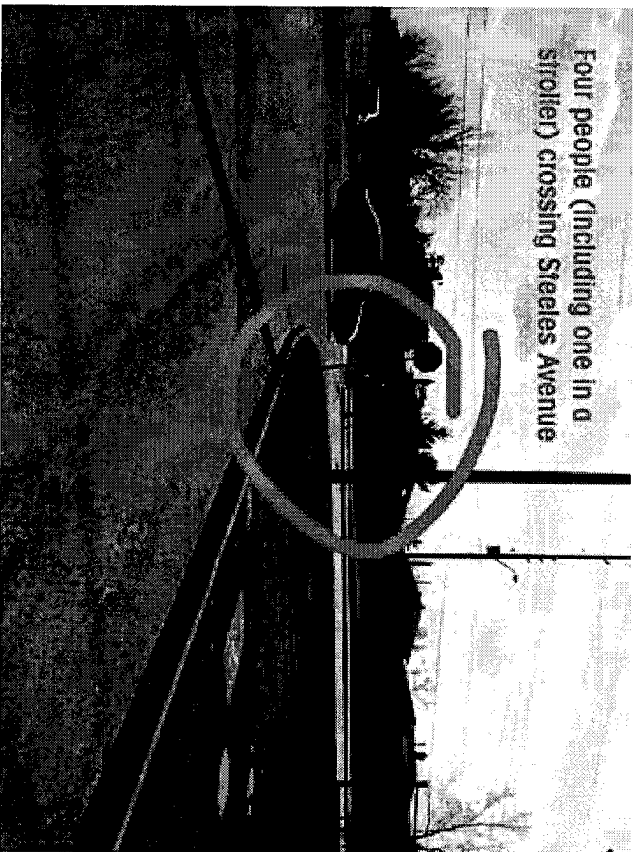
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number of fatal accidents in the last 3 years near the intersection

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time until another serious injury or death occurs

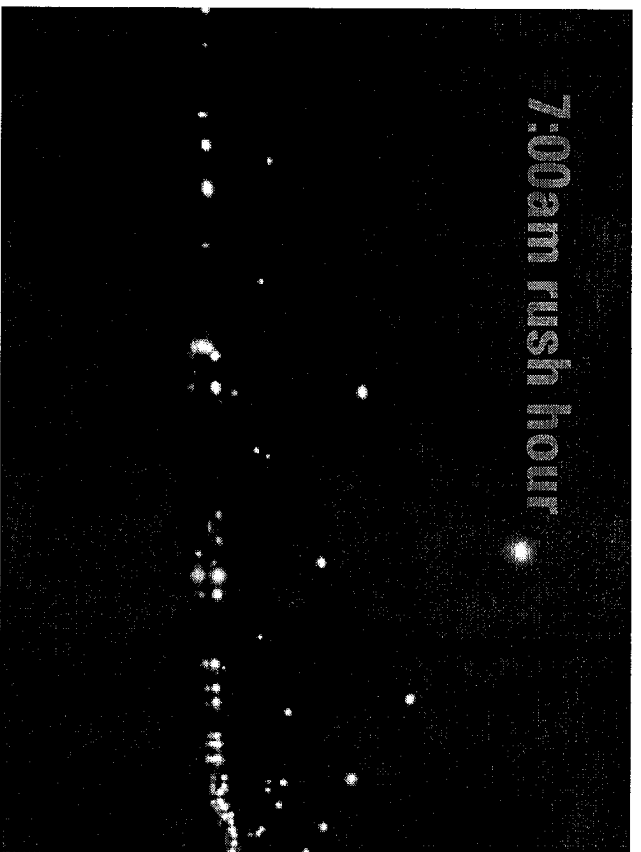
Four people (including one in a stroller) crossing Steeles Avenue



Difficult for vehicles to negotiate a turn onto Steeles



7:00am rush hour



2 TTC stops

