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To: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Re: Traffic Congestion - City of Toronto's Most Congested Locations

It is both well known and well documented how congested the streets of Toronto have become and how this congestion impacts the economy, the environment, commuters and the residents of this city who experience it on a daily basis.

In response to a query from my office to the Acting General Manager of Transportation Services, a list of ten locations that experience the most congestion in the City of Toronto was provided as follows:

- 1) Bayview Avenue and Sheppard Avenue East Intersection
- 2) Yonge Street - Highway 401 to Sheppard Avenue
- 3) York Street - Front Street to F.G. Gardiner Expressway
- 4) Sheppard Avenue West and Allen Road
- 5) Leslie Street - Highway 401 to Sheppard Avenue East
- 6) Lakeshore Boulevard - York Street to Bathurst Street
- 7) Kennedy Road - Highway 401 to Sheppard Avenue East
- 8) Markham Road - Highway 401 to Progress Avenue
- 9) Dufferin Street and Finch Avenue West Intersection
- 10) Black Creek Drive and Lawrence Avenue West Intersection

Most of the locations identified above fall outside the boundaries of the Downtown Transportation Study that the City will commission this year. Congestion, we know, occurs not only in the downtown core. It would be prudent to take a broader approach to finding ways to move people and goods better in the City of Toronto.

I request that Transportation Services examine each of the locations above that fall outside the boundaries of the Downtown Transportation Study and prepare a report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee in the Fall of 2012 that prescribes ways in which Transportation Services can improve the flow of traffic at each location.

Sincerely,

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