BENSON AVENUE
CHRISTIE STREET - WYCHWOOD AVENUE
PROPOSED SPEED HUMP LOCATIONS

NOTE:
EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO UTILIZE EXISTING POLES FOR SPEED HUMP SIGNS, HOWEVER IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO INSTALL NEW POLES FOR THESE SIGNS.

SPEED HUMPS MAY NOT BE CONSTRUCTED EXACTLY IN THE LOCATIONS SHOWN DUE TO FIELD CONDITIONS.
Friday August 31, 2012

Ms. Teresa Carmichael  
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Re: Traffic Calming Measures – Benson Avenue, between Wychwood Avenue and Christie Street – Evaluation for the installation of speed humps.

Dear Ms. Carmichael,

I have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of traffic speed humps for Benson Avenue, between Wychwood Avenue and Christie Street. I have the following comments:

Toronto Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is supportive of community initiatives that improve the safety of all citizens, and visitors to, the City of Toronto. Traffic and pedestrian safety are key components of a healthy neighborhood and we endeavor to support the wishes of the community to implement measures to improve upon these components. We look to the City’s Traffic Calming Policy and its Warrant Criteria for guidance in our assessments and recommendations.

As documented in the in the Traffic Calming Policy, Toronto EMS has concerns regarding the usage of traffic calming measures, especially vertical obstacle measures such as speed humps, as there are negative effects on emergency call response times, travel times to hospital and on patient comfort during transport. This delay is cumulative with each obstacle and can directly impact upon patient outcome.

It is noted that this proposal does not meet the Warrant Criteria as set out in the Policy and as such, Toronto EMS is opposed to the installation of speed humps on Benson Avenue, between Wychwood Avenue and Christie Street. It is important that the applicant(s) fully understand the potential for delay in emergency response and that alternatives to vertical measures be considered and evaluated.

Yours truly,

Shamez Kassam  
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Toronto EMS