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RE: PW 31.4 – St. Dennis Drive – Conversion of Traffic Lanes to On-Street Parking and Bicycle Lanes

Dear Chairman Minnan-Wong and Members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT), a project of the registered charity Clean Air Partnership. TCAT's mission is to advance knowledge and evidence to build support for safe and inclusive streets for walking and cycling.

We support the measures to improve safety conditions for pedestrians and cyclists along St. Dennis Drive from Don Mills Road to Linkwood Lane. In particular we support the installation of "road diet" measures including buffered bicycle lanes that will create a safer street for everyone by slowing down car traffic. We are also pleased zebra stripe crosswalk markings will be installed to increase visibility at intersections for both pedestrians and drivers.

As identified in the findings by the City of Toronto, the St. Dennis Drive and Deauville Lane intersection is ranked as one of the City's 10 priority intersections with a high incidence of pedestrian-motor vehicle collisions. It is critical that the City act to improve the safety of the most vulnerable road users especially at these priority intersections.

The buffered bicycle lanes will offer greater protection to cyclists and provide a delineated route to acknowledge their accommodation within the road right-of-way. It was interesting to note with the "road diet" that existing traffic volumes along St. Dennis Drive can be accommodated within the two lanes without significant impact on transit service or traffic operations and it is encouraging the City is responding by taking a Complete Streets approach. As such, we would further recommend that adequate width be provided to prevent "dooring" hazards on the north side where on-street parking is to be installed.

To this end, we support the City's efforts as proposed to improve traffic safety along St. Dennis Drive to the benefit of all road users.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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