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To: Members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Re: Increasing the Transparency and Reliability of Traffic Related Studies

Members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee,

Transportation staff is responsible for conducting studies throughout the City to calculate volume, delays, pedestrian crossings, and several other factors in order to determine whether traffic calming or control measures are warranted.

Depending on the area, peak periods and average periods can fluctuate greatly. Morning rush hour may be the busiest time in one area, with lunch time, afternoon rush, or evenings as the busiest times in another.

As a result, despite best efforts from Staff to find an appropriate representation of the area in question, local Councillors and residents on occasion disagree with these studies, saying that they are not an accurate portrayal of the usage and volumes. This often results in the implementation of traffic control measures that go against our professional staff's recommendations, additional use of staff time for reassessments when requested, additional costs, and traffic measures implemented that do not solve the underlying issue.

Recommendations

- 1. That City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation to require all reports to include the date, day of the week, and time that the study took place,**
- 2. That Transportation staff consult with the local area Councillor upon request and as needed to ensure that staff time is being effectively used by measuring traffic levels during properly indicative times during the day.**
- 3. That City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation to require all reports to indicate the date and time that the local Councillor was informed of the traffic study.**

I thank you in advance for considering this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Ford".

Rob Ford
Toronto Councillor