

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

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Toronto Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
City Hall - 100 Queen Street West
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Sent Via Email: pwic@toronto.ca

Dear Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Members:

RE: Item PW2.2 – Removal of Bay & Bloor Pedestrian Scramble Signal

On behalf of the 1600 businesses located in the Bloor-Yorkville community, we are expressing our full support of the City staff report, which recommends removal of the pedestrian scramble signal as soon as possible, at the intersection of Bay and Bloor.

Bloor Street is one of the most significant east west traffic corridors in Toronto. Since the City installed 2 pedestrian scramble intersections, in tandem, over 4 ½ years ago, at both Bay Street and Yonge Street, traffic has become very heavily congested and vehicular travel time has been greatly diminished. During heavy traffic times and rush hour, a gridlock scenario occurs, as the volume of traffic, waiting at these intersections, creates traffic back up on all of the adjoining side streets.

We ask that the Committee adopt the recommendations of the Staff Report, which shows quite clearly that a thorough review has been conducted, ample time has been allowed to test this 'pilot project' and the pedestrian scramble signal is not warranted at this intersection.

Reinstatement of a regular signalization needs to occur as quickly as possible, in order to provide an immediate improvement to traffic flow, in the area.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Dr. David Homer
Traffic Committee Chair
Bloor-Yorkville BIA

cc: Councillor Wong-Tam, Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale
Mayor John Tory – City of Toronto

