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Subject: Comment for meeting on the Bay-Bloor scramble

I wish to have the following entered as an official comment for the meeting considering terminating the Bay-Bloor diagonal intersection cross:

Dear Committee Members:

I am a parent of two small children attending Jesse Ketchum Elementary School. Each day we use the diagonal intersection crossing at Bay-Bloor at least twice, on the way to and from school. We have many neighbors with children at Jesse Ketchum who do the same.

I learned just a few days ago, from a story in the Toronto Star, of the proposal to end diagonal crossing at this intersection. I am very concerned to learn of this so suddenly, and not to have enough time to mount a community response.

I consider it a safety issue to have a short period in the Bay-Bloor intersection during which no automobile traffic can cross. My kids and I have had several close calls in the intersection when competing with traffic moving through the intersection. We have had no such close calls when crossing during the so-called 'scramble', when no auto traffic can pass.

Having read the recommendation report, I am very concerned that the issue of student safety has not been adequately considered, that there has not been adequate notification to affected parents on this issue, and that insufficient time has been made available for response on the issue.

I ask the City to grant a 30-day period (before a decision is taken on this issue) in which specifically to consider the issue of safety of elementary school students using the intersection and to allow parents and school officials to comment on this issue.

Sincerely,

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