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Dear Councillor Robinson, PWIC members

As a group residents of Ward 25 we would like to thank you for your hard work to present the road safety plan to your fellow Elective Officials, the media and the public. We are very pleased to see that staff recommends speed limit reduction on some major arterial roads.

We urge you to follow the advice of the City medical officer of health and drop the speed limit by 10 kms on every road. Speed limits are difficult to enforce but if you followed sound scientific evidence and re engineered our roads by reducing lane width to 3.1 m, drivers would automatically slow down. Again there is scientific evidence to support this action. If lane widths are reduced the City would then have all the space it needs to create protected cycle lanes on all routes. Narrowed lanes would have the added benefit of decreasing the pedestrian crossing distances at all our major intersections

While, unfortunately, there is no silver bullet to bring the number of people killed or seriously injured on Toronto streets to zero, every positive change including intersection improvement, roadway redesign or speed reduction helps. Every year, more and more people in our ward choose walking, cycling or public transit to go to work, school or run their daily errands. Sadly, arterial roads in Ward 25 such as **Leslie Street, Don Mills Road and York Mills Road** are not designed for pedestrians, cyclists or transit passengers. People who choose sustainable transportation are forced to walk on sidewalks that are adjacent to the roadways with speeding cars and trucks, cross multiple lanes of turning traffic or share the road with vehicles traveling at highway speed.

Our concern is that the above mentioned roadways are not included in the staff report. We would like to request you to explore the feasibility of speed reduction on arterial roads within Ward 25 from 60 km/h to 50km/h.

Regarding Lawrence Avenue East, a street in close proximity to multiple family homes, schools and other venues frequently visited by vulnerable road users, we request you to consider lowering the speed limit from 50km/h to 40km/h between Yonge Street and Leslie Street.

Thanks again for your support,

Best Regards,

Alex Korobchevsky, Chris Hoyle, Tai Viinikka, Georgina Wilcock