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Brian Holditch  
Traffic Operations  
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Toronto, Ontario

Re: Traffic Calming Measures – Ava Rd between Chiltern Hill Rd and Bathurst St – Evaluation for the installation of speed humps.

Dear Mr. Holditch,

I have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of speed humps on Ava Rd between Chiltern Hill Rd and Bathurst St. I have the following comments:

Toronto Paramedic Services is supportive of community initiatives that improve the safety of all citizens of, and visitors to, the City of Toronto. Traffic and pedestrian safety are key components of a healthy neighborhood and we endeavor to support the wishes of the community to implement measures to improve upon these components.

As documented in the Traffic Calming Policy, Toronto Paramedic Services has concerns regarding the usage of traffic calming measures, especially vertical obstacle measures such as speed humps, as there are negative effects on emergency call response times, travel times to hospital and on patient comfort during transport. This delay is cumulative with each obstacle and can directly impact patient outcome.

In addition to our concern for patient outcome and safety it is noted that this proposal does not meet the Warrant Criteria as set out in the Policy. Therefore, Toronto Paramedic Services is opposed to the installation of traffic calming devices on Ava Rd between Chiltern Hill Rd and Bathurst St. It is important that the applicant fully understands the potential for delay in emergency response and that alternatives to vertical measures be considered and evaluated.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

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