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EX26.1.4

June 16, 2017

Executive Committee
c/o City Clerk's Office
10th Floor, West Tower, Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Sent via email

Dear Mayor Tory and Executive Committee members,

Re: EX26.1– Proposed King Street Transit Pilot – Bathurst Street to Jarvis Street

I am writing on behalf of CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO), a leader and advocate for road safety and mobility, which represents the interests of over 2 million members, half of which reside within the City of Toronto and the Greater Toronto Hamilton area.

CAA would like to take this opportunity to provide some comments about the proposed King Street Transit Pilot study before you for consideration. We understand the importance of moving people across the downtown core quickly and efficiently, and appreciate the work that has gone into the proposed pilot's goal to allow for a greater flow of transit along King Street between Bathurst Street and Jarvis Street.

King Street is an important east-west corridor that is used by tens of thousands of transit and road users each day. The pilot study's area is in the heart of the downtown core, home to a large segment of the city's workforce and the economically vital financial district. It is important to recognize the impacts on traffic flow for all road users, including motorists, that will be required to alter their daily travel patterns accordingly if the pilot is implemented as proposed.

CAA supports a motion, which was adopted at a recent TTC board meeting, requesting staff to establish clear benchmarks for the pilot. In our view, benchmarks should establish clear priorities for success, represent the perspectives of those who benefit and those impacted by the pilot. It is important to establish a list of criteria that monitors the altered traffic flow and to better understand how great of an impact there will be on other modes of transportation both downtown and in surrounding areas.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments, CAA looks forward to the continued dialogue and our participation as phases of the pilot project are implemented and studied.

Respectfully submitted,

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