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Attention: Nancy Martins
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RE: PW 24.5 Speed Limit on Bayview Avenue from Pottery Road (Northerly Intersection) to River Street Ramp (Ward 26, 27, 28, 29)

Dear Councillor Jaye Robinson and Members of Public Works and Infrastructure Committee:

This staff report recommends increasing the posted speed limits to 60 kmph (from 50kmph) on Bayview Avenue from the River Street intersection to the Pottery Road northerly intersection (north). The latter is where Bayview peels off through the Loblaws parking lot and meets Moore Avenue.

There are really two issues here: road design impact on speed; and safety issues for vulnerable users on particular sections.

First, the staff report in effect says that drivers are unable to comply with the limit due to the road design that encourages high speeds (it was built as a para-expressway), i.e. speed limits do not “work” if the road design encourages speed. So the real answer is to narrow the lanes and put in wider sidewalks and separated bike lanes where they are missing (like between Pottery Road south and Pottery Road north).

Second, with regard to the proposed speed limit changes **we strongly oppose the higher limit from Pottery South to Pottery North** as there is no physical protection for walkers and cyclists, only white lines. The City widened the paved shoulder and added a double white line in the stretch from Nesbitt Road to Pottery Road (north) last November, but without any physical protection installed. **We also oppose the higher limit in the lower section from Rosedale Ravine Road to River Street**, which is the most dangerous part of the whole length being without any pedestrian or cycling separation. We have less concern with the stretch from Rosedale Ravine Road to Pottery Road (south) returning to 60 kmph as there is a separate and physically protected bike lane in this stretch.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully submitted,

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