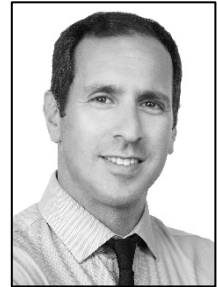


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**Enhancing Traffic Safety on Soudan Avenue - Addressing the Impacts of Private Redevelopment Projects and the Construction of the Crosstown LRT on Residential Neighbourhoods**

Dear Chair and Members,

I am asking on behalf of the residents of Soudan Avenue for some coordinated support from Transportation Services to address some urgent concerns relating to traffic safety. Soudan Avenue is a residential street located immediately south of Eglinton Avenue, running between Bayview Avenue and Yonge Street. For the next several years Soudan Avenue will face immense traffic impacts due to the construction of the Crosstown LRT and several private developments in the immediate area.

The Crosstown LRT is the largest transit expansion project in North America. While the Crosstown LRT once constructed will be an incredible benefit for our community, its construction is also creating significant issues for the community. The intersections of Yonge and Eglinton, Mount Pleasant and Eglinton and Bayview and Eglinton have been, and will continue to be subject to turn restrictions to allow for the safe construction of the LRT stations. As a result many drivers have been avoiding these intersections and using Soudan Avenue instead.

We have already seen increased incidents of driver frustration along this corridor. I, along with Transportation Services Staff, have met with countless residents along Soudan from Bayview to Yonge Street and the many north / south streets that connect Eglinton and Soudan in between. All are reporting the same concerns. More congestion, more rolling stops and more speeding.

Within the immediate area of Soudan between Yonge and Mount Pleasant, the construction of private developments also are having a significant impact on area residents.

Currently there are active developments at 2131 Yonge Street (Yonge and Soudan), 2221 Yonge Street, 45 Dunfield (at Soudan and Dunfield) and 11, 15 and 17 Lillian Street and 142 Soudan Ave, 161-173 Eglinton Ave East (at Redpath Avenue). There is also a proposed development at 18 Brownlow, as well as a proposed expansion of the existing Briton House Retirement Centre to include a 25 storey tower at Soudan Avenue and Brownlow.

All of these developments have, and will continue to have an impact on the volume of traffic in between Mount Pleasant and Yonge Street. While arrangements have been made with the builder at 2131 Yonge Street to prevent their contractor's trucks from going east of their site along Soudan or Hillsdale Avenue East, for some of the other developments it is impossible for them to access their site without using Soudan Avenue.

There have been longstanding concerns about traffic safety along Soudan Ave which runs parallel to Eglinton Ave East – and has always offered a relatively unobstructed route for drivers wishing to avoid using major arterial roads. Recent construction on Eglinton Avenue for the construction of the Crosstown LRT and developments have exacerbated this issue to the point where even greater intervention is required.

Residents have expressed concern that it is dangerous to cross at both Brownlow and Soudan and Redpath and Soudan, which is a walking route for parents and children going to Eglinton PS. Similar concerns have been brought forward along the stretch of Soudan Avenue between Bayview and Mount Pleasant as well, including the many connecting streets between Soudan and Eglinton Ave East.

Given these concerns, I am asking for Transportation Services to work with all relevant parties on the following recommendations.

**Recommendations:**

1. Toronto and East York Community Council request the Acting Director of Transportation Services – Toronto and East York District to conduct a comprehensive safety review of traffic and pedestrian safety on Soudan Avenue between Bayview Avenue and Yonge Street.
2. Report back to the May 2018 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting with recommendations for safety improvements which should include but not be limited to; a plan to coordinate construction staging and truck routing for all developments related to both private and the Crosstown LRT construction; a plan to improve safety at key crossing locations and the feasibility of enhanced zebra and pavement markings; a plan to work with the Toronto Police Service on enhancing enforcement for drivers speeding, running stop signs and travelling the wrong way on one way streets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josh Matlow', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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