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Members of Toronto-East York Community Council
c/o Ms. Ellen Devlin
Committee Administrator
Toronto-East York Community Council
Via email: teycc@toronto.ca

Re: Support of TE34.145 Traffic Control Signals – Queen Street West and McCaul Street

To Members:

I am writing in enthusiastic support of the staff recommendations in TE35.145 – Traffic Control Signals at Queen Street West and McCaul Street.

Traffic lights are long overdue at this busy intersection that connects the OCAD University campus. As you may be aware, OCAD University is Canada’s largest art, design and technology university, with more than 4,500 undergraduate and graduate students as well as more than 600 faculty and staff. Our growing campus now has 14 buildings along McCaul and Duncan Streets, from Dundas Street all the way to King Street.

While studios and classrooms are primarily at the main building on 100 McCaul Street, the buildings south on Richmond near Duncan house core student services, administrative offices, departmental offices, graduate classes, galleries and research labs. The safe crossing at Queen is an important way to connect our campus and ensure safety for our students and staff. The addition of traffic control signals at this intersection will finally allow myself and other users to cross safely, quickly and directly along this McCaul-Duncan corridor.

I strongly urge you to vote in favour of the staff recommendation to install traffic control lights at Queen and McCaul. Thank you in advance for your support of increased safety for OCAD University students and staff.

Sincerely yours,

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