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Subject: My comments for 2019.IE8.8 on October 17, 2019 Infrastructure and Environment Committee
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments, on behalf of Walk Toronto, to the agenda for the October 17, 2019 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2019.IE8.8, Update on Council Requested Road Safety Initiatives and Recommended Speed Limit Reductions

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

The comments are attached. Please convert them to PDF and link them from the agenda item.

Thank you,

Dylan Reid
On behalf of Walk Toronto



To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee
Re: IE8.8 - Update on Council Requested Road Safety Initiatives and Recommended Speed Limit Reductions
Date: October 16, 2019

Walk Toronto would like to express its disappointment with the staff response to the proposal to introduce controlled crossings at all Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Stops without reducing the number of stops.

In "Update on Council Requested Road Safety Initiatives and Recommended Speed Limit Reductions" (<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2019/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-138550.pdf>), on pages 4-6, Transportation Services staff respond to this proposal put forward at an earlier committee meeting by arguing that there are too many TTC stops without controlled crossings to be able to implement this policy, and that current policies are sufficient to address the issue.

As Walk Toronto pointed out in its earlier written comments and deputation, every TTC stop without a controlled crossing means that a rider will have to cross the street in an unsafe manner in one direction of a return trip.

Walk Toronto is appalled to discover that "there are approximately 2,700 TTC transit stops at locations without traffic control" as per the staff report. Each of these stops is a danger point for pedestrians who are also transit riders.

In a city that claims to be committed to Vision Zero, identifying this large number of dangerous stops is surely a call to action, not an excuse for inaction. If it is not possible to address all of these danger points at once, surely Transportation Services staff and TTC staff can come up with a more energetic, proactive strategy to start making a dent in this source of danger to Toronto pedestrians and transit riders.

A good start would be to commit funds to building more than merely 25 new signals/pedestrian crossovers each year. Why not at least, as part of Vision Zero, add an additional 25 a year that are aimed specifically at those TTC stop locations identified as most dangerous?

We ask the Infrastructure and Environment Committee to direct staff to return with a more focused and action-oriented plan to improve the safety of pedestrians and transit riders at TTC stops, and one that does not rely on eliminating stops.

Thank you,

Dylan Reid
On behalf of Walk Toronto