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Infrastructure and Environment Committee  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

**Re: Letter of Support for Motion regarding Pedestrian Safety along Eglinton Avenue West between Allen Road and Bathurst Street**

Dear Chair and Members,

I am writing in support of the motion that will be presented to the Committee today regarding roadway safety within the working zone of the province's Crosstown LRT project. The motion has two goals: firstly, to request Transportation Services to create a traffic and pedestrian safety management plan for the area between Allen Road to Bathurst Street. Secondly, to request Metrolinx/Crosslinx provide much needed pedestrian crossing assistance personnel at specific locations in the same area, including but not limited to those cited in the motion.

As the Councillor on the south side of Eglinton Avenue West, I have been listening to my constituents express the same concerns and fears about roadway safety in the work zone that Metrolinx's Crosstown LRT project occupies, just as Councillor Colle has heard from his constituents. Both of our communities have faced unprecedented levels of traffic infiltration, unsafe driver behaviour, and work zone setups that fail the most vulnerable roadway users – pedestrians and cyclists.

After taking into account the feedback from the Cedarvale community and consulting with the local BIA, I fully support this motion. I hope that it will result in much needed improvements to roadways safety for pedestrians, cyclists, but also motorists, who often find themselves in frequently shifting and confusing construction staging areas along this project. Roadway safety should be everyone's primary focus, and we need to ensure that Metrolinx, as the owners of the project, address these concerns. The safety of our communities depends on it.

Sincerely,

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