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Re: Traffic Calming Measures – Melrose Avenue, Avenue Rd and Elm Rd – Evaluation for the installation of traffic calming measures (i.e. Speed Humps).

Humera,

I have received and reviewed the proposal for installation of speed humps on Melrose Avenue, Avenue Rd and Elm Rd, I have the following comments:

Toronto Paramedic Services is supportive of community initiatives that improve the safety of all citizens of, and visitors to, the City of Toronto. Traffic and pedestrian safety are key components of a healthy neighbourhood, and we endeavour to support the wishes of the community to implement measures to improve upon these components.

As documented in the Traffic Calming Policy, Toronto Paramedic Services has concerns regarding the installation of traffic calming measures, specifically vertical obstacle measures such as speed humps. These have a negative impact on emergency call response times, travel times to hospital and on patient comfort during transport. This delay is cumulative with each obstacle and can directly impact patient outcome.

Although this proposal does meet the Traffic Calming Warrant Criteria as stated in your email dated June 25, 2018, the concern for patient outcome and safety remains. Therefore, Toronto Paramedic Services is opposed to the installation of vertical traffic calming devices on Melrose Avenue, Avenue Rd and Elm Rd. It is important that the applicant fully understands the potential for delay in emergency response and that alternatives to vertical measures be considered and evaluated.

Yours truly,

(Original signed by)

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