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Councillor Gord Perks  
Chair, Toronto and East York Community Council  
City Hall  
100 Queen St. W

Leslie and Lakeshore – Intersection Safety

Dear Chair and members of the Toronto and East York Community Council,

The intersection of Leslie and Lakeshore is one that has seen a lot of changes over the past few years. From the Leslie Barns construction to the commercial development on the South West Corner, to cars accessing Lakeshore, new traffic challenges have arisen.

During the Leslie Barns construction, a right-turn on red prohibition was implemented for cars turning from southbound Leslie to Westbound Lakeshore. Many cyclists and pedestrian felt that this improved safety. Unfortunately after the construction finished the prohibition was removed. The advocacy group Doctors for Safe Cycling has asked that this prohibition be made permanent to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists on the Martin Goodman Trail and heading towards the Leslie Street Spit. I am happy to support this request.

The intersection is currently under review as part of the Leslieville Traffic Study but in the event that study does not make the changes, I want to ensure that this request can be dealt with separately.

Recommendation:

1. City Council direct Transportation Services to implement a No Right Turn on Red Prohibition from Southbound Leslie to Westbound Lakeshore, in the event that this is not recommended through the Leslieville Traffic Management and Mitigation Study.

Sincerely,

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