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Dear Councillor Matlow,

The Brentwood Towers Tenants' Association (BTTA) has recently learned that Transportation Services determined their criteria was not met for the installation of traffic calming speed humps on Lawton Boulevard between Yonge Street and Brentdale Avenue. I am writing on behalf of over 950 residents at Brentwood Towers to urge you and your colleagues to review the staff report and approve item TE34.154.

Lawton Blvd. is the primary access route to transit and shopping for our complex of 5 highrises located at the end of Lawton at Brentdale Ave. Lawton is like a driveway to our home, but we were not included in the City's official survey poll of area residents. We constitute the highest volume of daily Lawton pedestrians and find this to be a serious omission in the consultation process.

Seven out of the nine Warrant Criteria for traffic calming were met in the July 2018 traffic study of Lawton Blvd. One item was to be determined (2.3 Emergency Response) and the only criteria "not met" (3.1 Minimum Speed) was based on an incorrect assessment. The average 85th percentile speed was determined to be 43 km/h, and Lawton Blvd is a 30 km/h zone, so the average speed is 13 km/h over the current limit. We believe that the criteria for minimum speed has been met.

Poor sightlines and a blind bend at its halfway point already make Lawton a tricky route for both drivers and pedestrians to navigate. Construction of a dozen new townhomes on nearby Lascelles Blvd in March 2019 may also increase volume on Lawton. As more commuters seek shortcuts through gridlock on Yonge and Avenue, the volume and speed of traffic on Lawton has become unsafe for locals, a significant percentage of whom are seniors and young children.

The BTTA joins our neighbouring community associations in support of the installation of traffic calming measures on Lawton Blvd. We welcome any opportunity to participate in revised polls or direct consultations with the City to address this important safety matter.

Thank you,

Cobie Crawford
Vice President
Brentwood Towers Tenants' Association