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Deer Park Residents Group

February 10, 2019

To: Councillor Josh Matlow

Dear Josh,

Our association strongly supports the installation of speed humps on Lawton Blvd, and we urge you to reintroduce a motion asking for their installation at Toronto-East York Community Council in 2019.

Vehicles speed down Lawton regularly. The City's [own staff report](#) shows that one in six vehicles is travelling almost 15km/hr over the speed limit of 30km/hr. In rush hour, when car parking is prohibited on the street, cars often race down the street far above the speed limit, just inches away from vulnerable pedestrians - who in our neighbourhood are often seniors or, increasingly, young children.

Lawton Blvd is a heavily travelled road for pedestrians, and is our only way to reach the Yonge-St Clair area to the south. On many days it sees considerably more pedestrian traffic than motor vehicles - despite having narrow sidewalks.

Lawton is also heavily used by bicyclists, as it provides a quiet street route connecting Yonge-St Clair to the Lascelles Blvd bikeway and the Beltline. Speed humps would protect the increasing number of people who bike to work, school, shopping or for pleasure.

The City poll earlier this year showed that over 70% of respondents favoured the speed humps. The response rate was not up to the City's threshold of 50%. - however, we note that when this has happened on many other streets, speed humps have still been installed anyways.

We hope you can expedite the installation of the speed humps in 2019.

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