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Toronto and East York Community Council
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Dear Committee Members:

Re: TE11.43 Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Review – Sherbourne Street

The Bloor Street East Neighbourhood Association (BENA) is writing to request that the Toronto and East York Community Council refer this item back to Staff to complete the scope of work contained in the City Council [Item MM9.29 Improving Pedestrian Safety on Sherbourne Street between Bloor Street East and Howard Street](#).

By way of background, BENA and other Associations have been concerned about the volume of pedestrian traffic and placement of the 75 Sherbourne Street South bus stop. The Sherbourne Street South bus stop is a transfer point for Line 2's Sherbourne Subway Station. It is an above ground stop across the street from the Station. The volume of surface passengers on this TTC route has increased and will continue to increase with the development to the south including the opening of the new Campus of George Brown College. This volume of passengers and the placement of the Bus Stop has resulted in passenger line ups fully occupying Sherbourne St North onto Bloor Street and blocking accesses to residential Condominiums, business and impeding the ability of through pedestrians to get to their destinations at peak volume hours. The placement of the stop also results in pedestrian jaywalking to get to the bus about to leave the stop. We see no relief to this increasing congestion until either the Relief Line or the current Ontario Line are built.

My understanding of the Motion's intent was to bring all parties (Residents, Businesses, TTC and City Transportation) to the table to look at solutions to all forms of pedestrian traffic not simply the narrow area covered by the report. I see no evidence that anyone was consulted and can confirm that the BENA was not.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards;
Linda Brett, President of BENA
On behalf of BENA