

## **Playter Area Residents' Association (PARA)**

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### **SENT VIA E-MAIL**

Mayor John Tory and Toronto City Councillors  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N1

Dear Mayor Tory and Toronto City Councillors,

### **RE: CC21.20 – Cycling Network Plan Installations**

We have reviewed the City of Toronto's News Release issued May 25th with respect to bike lane pilot project/expansion on Danforth Ave. (from Broadview Ave. to Dawes Rd.) and are extremely disappointed that there has been no public consultation and/or community engagement for the proposed pilot project with PARA or any of its residents and property owners to our knowledge. We are vehemently opposed to any changes on Danforth Ave. that may have potential negative impacts on our neighbourhood without going through the appropriate consultation process.

During the consultation process, we would like the opportunity to present data, photos and videos that we have been accumulating over the years to help the success of a proposed pilot. Your actions have prevented us from using this critical opportunity as a method to ensure the long-term success of a proposed bike lane installation.

Danforth Ave. serves as a major transportation artery and directly flanks our neighbourhood. Any changes that occur on Danforth Ave. have direct impacts on our neighbourhood.

We have the following key safety concerns regarding the impact that bike lanes may potentially have to our neighbourhood:

- Decrease in pedestrian safety.
- Increase in delivery truck traffic on neighbourhood side-streets created by a decrease of available space to make deliveries directly on Danforth Ave.
- Increase in traffic infiltration caused by motor vehicles attempting to avoid the resulting increase in traffic on Danforth Ave due to lane reductions.
- Increased pressure on our already limited neighbourhood parking due to decreased parking capacity on the Danforth Ave.

Therefore, Mr. Mayor and Councillors, we believe you should do the right thing and delay the installation of bike lanes even as a pilot project on this section of Danforth Ave. until The Playter Area Residents' Association (PARA) have had the opportunity to meaningfully participate in discussions to ensure the minimization of any negative effects to our neighbourhood. The safety of our residents is paramount to our Association and we feel that these arbitrary actions to bypass key steps in the consultation process under the guise of the Covid-19 Pandemic emergency are not acceptable, nor in the interests of our members and residents.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of PARA

By the authorized board members

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