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Good Morning Mayor Tory and City Councillors,

At the moment when safety is paramount and the way we go about our lives has been up-ended, we need all levels of government to act quickly to mitigate the shortfalls of our current infrastructure by providing safe and inclusive alternatives.

The Danforth East Community Association (DECA) supports the Complete Streets vision being proposed for the Danforth that will provide viable and inclusive travel alternatives especially for those not taking the TTC. Wider sidewalks for physical distancing and dedicated bike lanes connected to the city network will provide people with safe options for going to work, shopping or enjoying being active. This Complete Street pilot project proposed for the Danforth creates these safe alternatives while maintaining the existing full-time traffic lanes and parking. The Danforth as a destination is further enhanced when combined with the proposed upgrade to the streetscape and larger patios.

DECA looks forward to this material change and to participating, along with the community, in making a safer, more vibrant main street for everyone today and for the long term.

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