



December 1, 2020

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**Attn: Matthew Green, Secretariat**

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

**Re: IE 18.2 North York Centre - Doris Avenue Extension (South Service Road - Environmental Assessment Addendum)  
City of Toronto Ward 18  
TCDSB Trustee Ward 5**

The Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) has reviewed Item 18.2 – Doris Avenue Extension, scheduled for consideration by the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on December 1, 2020.

Since June 2015, the TCDSB has been involved in public consultation and discussion with the City regarding changes to Doris Avenue (North York Service Road), which is located adjacent to the Catholic Education Centre (CEC). In addition to serving as the Board's administrative centre, the CEC, located at 80 Sheppard Avenue East, also accommodates students from Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts. A meeting between City Staff and stakeholders including TCDSB, was held on February 11, 2020, where initial proposals were presented for the consideration of the group. The TCDSB submitted comments to the City, dated February 27, 2020, strongly opposing the two-phased implementation plan, citing concerns for student safety, access to the CEC and lack of greenspace.

The TCDSB is appreciative of the City's efforts to address some of the concerns noted in the comments dated February 27, 2020. The Board's involvement in future construction staging and feasibility plans scheduled for the Doris Avenue Road realignment is imperative and appropriate steps should be taken to mitigate construction noise, dust, vibration and any disruption of services (ie. water and electricity). Additionally, confirmation that the CEC sign relocation will be at no cost to the Board and that a majority of the privately owned, publicly accessible space fronting 80 Sheppard Avenue East would be maintained.

The TCDSB remains concerned with the following elements of the revised Doris Avenue extension proposal:



1. The proposed realignment shifts Doris Avenue five meters eastward towards the CEC, which would remove some of the passive student open space, including part of the driveway and walkway on the west side of the CEC site compromising student safety. The realignment of Doris Avenue to create a by-pass of Yonge Street will increase existing traffic/congestion in the community. The TCDSB requests the re-examination of a mid-block pedestrian crossing across Doris Avenue or alternatively, that the realignment include some form of traffic calming measures to improve safety conditions for students and staff at the CEC.
2. Furthermore, the elimination of passive student open space on the west side of the CEC would negatively impact students as this space serves as a gathering area during the morning and afternoon drop-off for students at Cardinal Carter Academy for the Arts, as well as evacuation space in the event of an emergency.
3. The TCDSB also has concerns with ensuring continuity of the CEC's municipal address of 80 Sheppard Avenue East. The TCDSB requests confirmation that this would be included in any future plans for a Doris Avenue realignment.
4. Additionally, the realignment of Doris Avenue would eliminate a large row of trees on the privately owned, publicly accessible space fronting 80 Sheppard Avenue East. The TCDSB therefore requests assurances that the City will provide for the replacement of said trees along any newly constructed realignment of Doris Avenue.

The TCDSB is appreciative of the opportunity for ongoing dialogue and communication with the City throughout the process of the Doris Avenue Extension – South Service Road. The TCDSB wishes to continue to work with the City on **further refining this proposal** to ensure that students/parents and staff at the CEC can feel confident that the plan is a safe and effective tool for improving traffic flow to better accommodate growth in North York Centre..

Should you require additional information regarding our comments, please contact Tomasz Oltarzewski, Supervisor of Planning at [tomasz.oltarzewski@tcdsb.org](mailto:tomasz.oltarzewski@tcdsb.org)

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Loberto".

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Cc: Jason Diceman, Sr. Public Consultation Coordinator – City of Toronto



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