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Toronto and East York Community Council
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RE: Traffic Control Signals – Davenport Road and Shaw Street

Dear Chair and Members,

I am writing to you to request Community Council's support for a motion that is important to the constituents of the Toronto-St. Paul's ward, but one that could not be brought forward by staff due to the impacts of the pandemic on staff redeployments.

Since I have come to represent this area, my office has been receiving consistently negative feedback from residents about the safety conditions at the intersection of Davenport Road and Shaw Street and the existing pedestrian crossover (PXO) there. Concerns raised about pedestrian safety had in part been confirmed by the safety study that I requested last year, but it was not sufficient to meet the warrants for an upgrade to a full traffic signal. Concerns over this location were also brought to my attention by cycling advocates. Cyclists using the Shaw Street bike lanes and trying to connect onto Davenport Road meet a dead-end of sorts here, as there is no way for them to safely cross over onto Davenport west-bound, unless they dismount and use the push-activated pedestrian crossover.

The only way that cyclists and pedestrians can consistently and safely cross Davenport at this location would be through the installation of a full traffic signal. In order to make this improvement for pedestrian and cyclist safety while not negatively impacting traffic flow, my office also reached out to Traffic System Operations at Transportation Services. They confirmed that it is possible to have a traffic signal at this location

synchronized and coordinated with the ones surrounding it, which would have minimal impact on traffic flow. This motion requests the removal of the current PXO at the intersection, and the approval and installation of a full traffic signal.

Traffic Operations staff have also been consulted on this and have provided assistance with the wording of the motion. As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Davenport Road City Council approval for this item is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

1. City Council authorize the installation of traffic control signals at the intersection of Davenport Road and Shaw Street.
2. Subject to approval of and in conjunction with the installation of traffic control signals at Davenport Road and Shaw Street, City Council authorize removal of the pedestrian crossover on Davenport Road immediately east of Shaw Street.

Sincerely,

Councillor Josh Matlow

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