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Toronto and East York Community Council
100 Queen Street W
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Re: Construction Coordination Hub for the St. Clair Avenue West and Winona Drive Area

Dear Chair and Members,

We are writing today to request your assistance with a problem facing the residents in the St. Clair Avenue West and Winona Drive area, which spans both of our wards. Many of our neighbourhoods have experienced intense growth in the past few years, and the area around St. Clair Avenue West and Winona Drive has become a particularly intense locus of construction in the coming months and years.

There are four development projects at the intersection of St. Clair Avenue West and Winona Drive. Some of them have already started construction, such as 840 St. Clair Avenue West, 861-863 St. Clair Avenue West and 900 St. Clair Avenue West, while others are still in planning stages. The concern that we want to highlight here, which is shared by many residents who have reached out to our offices, is the cumulative impact that this work will have on the overall safety of our residents. The construction staging with right-of-way occupations, construction noise, heavy trucks coming in and out of the sites and using local residential streets all have a large impact on the wellbeing and safety of the community. Our offices have already been involved with several issues relating to construction in the area, and there are fears that the current way the work zone is being coordinated is not as good as it could be.

Considering the experience with the Yonge-Eglinton Construction Coordination Hub Pilot and the positive impact it has had on safety in the area, we request Transportation Services to investigate the option of taking the hub approach to this area. We are aware of a current review of the Yonge-Eglinton pilot and that there may be other locations across the city that could benefit from the best practices. We want to make sure that this area is given due consideration and that we get a report back from staff in early 2021 about this request to improve safety for our community.

RECOMMENDATION

That Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to report back in Q1 2021 on the option of designating the St. Clair Avenue West and Winona Drive area as a Construction Coordination Hub, including but not limited to reporting back on which construction management measures from the existing Yonge-Eglinton Hub can be applied here.

Sincerely,

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