
December 2, 2020

Dear Chair and Members of Toronto and East York Community Council,

Re: Improvements to Bathurst and Harbord Intersection

The intersection of Bathurst Street and Harbord Street is one that has historically been a source of concern for local residents as it handles a great deal of vulnerable public transit users, pedestrians and cyclists with it's proximity to a high school and all of these modes of transit. Over the past year, multiple vehicular collisions and near-misses have been reported to my office which is highly concerning.

I have been working with the local resident associations surrounding this busy intersection to support their suggestions for safety improvements and know that we must act in an expedient manner to prevent future danger from speeding vehicles.

We must not allow a needless tragedy to occur before we take action and ensure that our Transportation Services budget is allocated to improving safety for all road users, especially the most vulnerable including pedestrians and cyclists.

Recommendations:

1. Direct the Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, to conduct a safety review of the intersection of Bathurst Street and Harbord Street, looking at any mitigating measures that would improve safety, both short term and long term.
2. Direct the Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, to review the feasibility of installing automated traffic enforcement at the intersection of Bathurst Street and Harbord Street.

Thank you,

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