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City Councillor
Scarborough-Rouge
Park
Ward 25

October 15, 2021

Re: Tilley Drive Traffic Concerns

Dear Scarborough Community Council,

I have heard community concerns about the upcoming reconfiguration of the Port Union Road and Tilley Drive intersection, as part of the 2022 Port Union Road widening. As part of the Port Union Road widening project next year, the exit of the plaza is being moved to align with Tilley Drive to improve road safety. Since 1987, there have been 27 reported collisions on Port Union Road (between Tilley Drive and Lawson Road). City of Toronto transportation engineers have redesigned the intersection to improve safety by removing the offset in the intersection to improve visibility and minimize turning conflicts, create dedicated left-turn lanes, and give more distance for drivers to manoeuvre across traffic before turning left on Lawson Road.

I have heard concerns from the community that aligning the exit of the plaza and Tilley Drive may increase traffic infiltration onto Tilley Drive. Residents have brought forward many suggestions including reducing the speed limit, adding speed humps and prohibiting straight through movements between the plaza and Tilley Drive. I have also received a suggestion via petition to examine closing the entrance to Tilley Drive from Port Union Road.

I have been advised by City staff that road closures must satisfy technical requirements and at this time, they do not recommend pursuing this option for Tilley Drive. The best path forward at this time is finding a solution that can be in place prior to completion of the Port Union Road widening project.

Given these considerations, I am bringing forward the following recommendation to the October 15, 2021 Scarborough Community Council meeting to obtain more information on how traffic concerns can be addressed more urgently.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Director, Project Design & Management, Transportation Services report to Scarborough Community Council in early 2022 on measures that can be implemented on Tilley Drive in order to reduce speed (speed limit reductions, speed humps) and traffic (turning restrictions and straight-through prohibitions) that could be implemented with the widening of Port Union Road.