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Barbara Gray
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Dear Ms. Gray,

We are writing to you today regarding pedestrian and cyclist safety at Broadview Avenue and Torrens Avenue. As you know from previous site visits in this immediate area, traffic safety along this corridor is a serious concern. This section of Broadview Avenue has poor sightlines and vehicles often travel at high speeds putting pedestrians and cyclists at risk.

Over the past 10 years, there have been 13 collisions at the intersection of Broadview Avenue and Torrens Avenue, including two pedestrian injuries. This past weekend, there was another accident at this intersection. A young boy, crossing the road at the designated crosswalk with his father, was hit by a southbound vehicle that failed to stop at the crosswalk. Thankfully, the young boy is safe but this does not minimize or lessen the need for significant safety improvements at this location. They were visiting Toronto – Danforth from Beaches – East York so both of us are writing to you making this request.

Many residents cross Broadview Avenue at Torrens Avenue to access recreation trails in the Don Valley and we have heard from local residents that this crosswalk is frequently used by local families travelling throughout the neighbourhood. They should be able to do so without fearing for their own safety. It also should not take serious incidents, like this one, to implement change in our community.

We are requesting that Transportation Services complete a safety review of the intersection of Broadview Avenue and Torrens Avenue, including studying the possibility of upgrading this crosswalk to a traffic light, as well as any other safety improvements, and provide us with an update before the Toronto and East York Community Council meeting on September 9th, 2021.

Thank you,

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