



Wednesday, November 23, 2021

Toronto and East York Community Council
City Hall, Committee Room 1
100 Queen Street West
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Council Members,

RE: Improving Pedestrian and Cyclist Road Safety on Shuter Street

Since the 2020 reconstruction of Shuter Street, which included cycle tracks protected by on-street parking on the south side of Shuter Street, concerns for pedestrian and cyclist safety have been raised around vehicle sightlines and potential conflicts between exiting vehicles from residents on Tracy Street, Sackville Street, Sumach Street 2 public laneways: Anna Hilliard Lane, Paterson Place; and 2 private laneways (425 Shuter Street and 447 Shuter Street). This system has forced vehicles entering Shuter to inch forward into crossings and through bike lanes in order to see oncoming traffic. Frequently, drivers cannot see bicyclists or pedestrians due to poor sightlines in these areas, leading to numerous accidents and near-misses with residents.

This motion is supported by local residents and the Shuter Street Residents Working Group in an effort to make ongoing improvements to visibility at the numerous streets, public laneways, and private laneways intersecting Shuter Street (Parliament to River) on the south side.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

1. The Toronto and East York Community Council direct Transportation Services staff to review and report back during Q2 of 2022 on conditions and recommended improvements for sightlines with motor vehicles entering and exiting Shuter Street from Tracy Street, Sackville Street, Sumach Street; 2 public laneways: Anna Hilliard Lane, Paterson Place; and 2 private laneway (425 Shuter Street and 447 Shuter Street).

Respectfully submitted,

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