

November 24, 2021

Toronto and East York Community Council

## Re: Safer Streets - Ward 10 (non-delegated)

Dear Chair and Members,

Building streets that are safe for all road users – pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists – is the responsibility of all of us. Every death and injury on our streets is a preventable tragedy.

There are a number of street safety enhancements that local communities in Ward 10 have been working closely with my office on for many years. These initiatives have strong support in local neighbourhoods, and are critical steps to improve safety on our downtown streets.

## **Recommendation:**

It is recommended that:

- 1. City Council approve:
  - a. the introduction of a signalized pedestrian crossing of the Lake Shore Boulevard West off-ramp at the merge with northbound Spadina Avenue, where there is an existing unsignalized pedestrian crossing;
  - b. the expedited installation of temporary traffic control signals at intersections on Queens Quay East from Yonge Street to Parliament Street as previously approved in the 2010 East Bayfront Transit EA and subsequent updates, including but not limited to Freeland Street, in advance of the reconstruction of the street and implementation of the planned Waterfront East LRT, in consultation with Waterfront Toronto;
  - c. replacement of the pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of King Street West and Brant Street with a Traffic Control Signal, and approve the installation of a Traffic Control Signal concurrently with the removal of the pedestrian crossover at this location;
  - d. the introduction of stop control for southbound right-turning vehicles at the intersection of Bay Street and Queen Street West;
- 2. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to:
  - expedite the urgent installation of fixed bollards that can absorb the force of a vehicular impact to protect the pedestrian refuge between Lake Shore Boulevard West and Fleet Street, west of the intersection with Bathurst Street;

- expedite the urgent renewal of pavement markings at all intersections along Queens Quay East where the Martin Goodman Trail crossing vehicular traffic, using interim materials and treatments where necessary to provide prompt action;
- c. in coordination with Waterfront Toronto, expedite the "Quick Starts" intersection safety improvements from Lower Jarvis to Cherry Street as outlined in the Lake Shore Boulevard East Public Realm Plan, and review any traffic regulation pavement marking and signage changes to improve safety conditions at these intersections due to constrained sightlines from Gardiner Expressway structures.

Sincerely,

Joe Cressy