



SOUTH
ROSEDALE
RESIDENTS'
ASSOCIATION

March 22, 2022

Attn: Councillor Mike Layton and Infrastructure Committee

I am writing you on behalf of the SRRA, (South Rosedale Residents Association) the members, and the Board of Directors.

Many concerns have been brought to our attention regarding the Bike Lanes Pilot Project on Yonge between Bloor and St. Clair. It is clear and obvious that traffic flow has become blocked and safety issues have arisen. This is a fact that any regular commuter of this main thruway could confirm.

We have noticed some Toronto Studies that have suggested the added commute delay to be only 90 seconds. In many emergency situations, 90 seconds could be the difference between life or death. Regardless a 90 second delay, has not been our residents experience. We have received many complaints that confirm a typical 3 min commute time has increased to more than 10 min.

It is in our opinion that this added congestion has compromised the safety and accessibility of the residents of the SRRA. Further, the once flowing but now idling traffic is a greater cause of destruction to our environment as the slower moving traffic is emitting more CO2.

Toronto has a goal to be an accessible City. Many of our residents have certain physical needs and accessibility is of great concern. Many people and families just don't have the physical ability to; bike, jog, or even walk, especially for great distances. Unfortunately, these bike lanes have created added barriers and obstacles. They prevent many of our residents from moving freely and with dignity in their own neighbourhood and City. Many residents now have a very difficult time accessing medical services, shared transportation, and necessary homecare services. As it relates, I question if these added Bike Lines are in contradiction of both The City of Toronto's Human Rights Goals and Legislation covered under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

The Board of Directors of the SRRA (South Rosedale Residents Association) hereby resolves the membership of the SRRA fully supports the relief as set out in the petition to eliminate the one – lane traffic flows on Yonge Street as set out in Schedule A attached.

Best regards,

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ATTACHMENT : Schedule A

SCHEDULE A of the letter submitted by the South Rosedale Residents Association (SRRA)

PETITION TO MAYOR JOHN TORY AND TO ALL TORONTO CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

DELIVERD BY EMAIL – MARCH 22, 2022

**TO: THE HONOURABLE JOHN TORY
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORONTO**

AND TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE TORONTO CITY COUNCIL and The IEC

Each of the undersigned, some of whom are avid cyclists, hereby formally Petition the Mayor of Toronto, The Honourable John Tory, and each Member of Toronto City Council to take whatever immediate action and steps they deem necessary including all necessary By-Law and Zoning Amendments to reinstate the status of Yonge Street, the major arterial road in the City of Toronto, to its former status and to completely eliminate the one-lane traffic flows on Yonge Street for the following reasons:

1. Unprecedented permanent traffic congestion on Yonge Street and on many adjacent quiet residential streets that previously never experienced very heavy non-resident and commercial traffic flows.
2. Unprecedented delays at many Yonge Street intersections where vehicles in one lane attempt to turn into oncoming traffic thereby completely blocking all one-lane traffic flows.
3. Unprecedented serious safety and community health concerns as emergency vehicles of all types are unable to navigate the one-lane traffic flows on Yonge Street.
4. Unprecedented noxious gasoline and diesel fuel emissions that seriously and permanently impact the health of residents in our communities (particularly our elderly residents) caused as a direct result of stationary and slow-moving cars, trucks, and other commercial vehicles on Yonge Street regardless of the time of day and regardless of the day of the week that will be further compounded by the addition of over 300,000 new residential units.
5. Unprecedented dangerous conditions experienced by residents when owners of electric bikes and other powered vehicles speed with impunity through the cycling lanes of Yonge Street.
6. Unprecedented accessibility concerns that do not comply with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

Signed March 22, 2022, On Behalf of The South Rosedale Residents Association and its members.

Michael Labrecque

South Rosedale Residents Association (SRRA) Board of Directors

