



Norm Di Pasquale, Ward 9 TCDSB Trustee



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Toronto City Council

Re: IE30.19, Revisiting ActiveTO Interventions on Lake Shore Boulevard West

I am writing in my capacity as School Board Trustee to request that ActiveTO be continued on Lakeshore Blvd. West. As a downtown school board trustee, I have seen many families (numbers between 27,000-45,000 per day on ActiveTO) take to active transportation, some for the first time, via ActiveTO. Programs such as these have led to more families opting for healthy active transportation options to get to school. We are still in the midst of a pandemic where families need ways to improve their mental and physical health, which ActiveTO provides for them. As you would understand, we cannot simply move 45,000 people to a different street; Lakeshore provides the throughput needed to make ActiveTO a success.

Ending ActiveTO is the wrong solution to the problem you face. What the City of Toronto could do is better communicate closures to the GTA. If it isn't ActiveTO, it's a marathon, charity event or festival that will affect Lakeshore. Communicate to GTA residents coming into town what their best options are. Also advocate for more frequent GO Trains to support high demand weekends.

The report before you lays out the benefits of ActiveTO for Torontonians. As a school board trustee, resident and ActiveTO user, I am asking you to maintain this program on Lakeshore Blvd. West. ActiveTO has done wonders for families' physical and mental health, and has encouraged active transportation to school.

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