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City Council March 29, 2023 re: IE 2.4 Agincourt Southwest Transportation Connections Study

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

My name is Rhoda Potter and I am President of Agincourt Village Community Association. AVCA's mandate is to protect the **safety** of its residents by having a collective voice in changes that affect our neighbourhood.

I and another resident from our community deputed at the Infrastructure & Environment Committee meeting on March 20, 2023 re: IE 2.4.

We wish to thank:

- Councillor Paula Fletcher for questioning the lengthy timeline it has taken to bring the "complete street" to this point.
- Councillor Amber Morley for asking staff if this project for the "complete street" could be expedited.
- Councillor Josh Matlow for questioning the lower cost of building a "complete street" compared to other major City projects.

Our community is experiencing immense population growth. Seven condominiums are inhabited on Village Green Square. Two more will be completed this Spring. Two more are planned. The Agincourt Mall "complete community" is at the shovels in the ground stage. Cowdray Court condominiums are planned. Yet our community lacks connectivity!

The 2013 Agincourt Secondary Plan assumed road improvements including the extension of Reidmount south to Sufference (Village Green Square.) Intensification happened! Road improvements did not happen!

This report mentions the area "lacks safe active transportation routes" and a new street "will improve emergency access."

Yet this report states, "No provision has been made for the projects identified in this Study in the Transportation Services 2023-2032 Capital Plan."

On August 12, 2022 Former Mayor Tory, Councillor Mantas, AVCA and Metrogate residents did a Safety Walk on Village Green Square. Former Mayor Tory commented on the fact that there was only ONE entrance/exit and suggested the need to expedite the second street.

AVCA has stressed the importance of this street for the **safety** of residents.

Yet this essential *complete street* was not included in the 2023-2032 Capital Plan! That means approximately 12,000 residents and 400 shelter residents will live in an UNSAFE situation into 2040.

The *complete street* will:

- finally provide **safety** for approximately 12,000 residents and The Delta 400 shelter residents who presently live there.
- alleviate a **safety** concern.
- relieve residents living who are entrapped by CPR tracks, Stouffville Corridor & 401.
- provide alternative access for emergency vehicles.
- provide a second route in or out for residents.
- relieve traffic congestion at Kennedy and Sheppard.

The *multi-use trail* will:

- provide a 10-minute walk or 5-minute bike ride to the Agincourt GO station.
- allow residents to walk or cycle to Kennedy Commons.
- encourage Agincourt Mall condominium residents to walk or cycle to Collingwood Park.
- enhance public transit connections while reducing the need for a car.
- allow commuters to safely lock their bicycles in the new in-house Agincourt GO station bike storage.
- contribute to Toronto's carbon emission reduction targets.

AVCA is disappointed that the *multi-use trail* is listed as an "additional transportation improvement." In fact, AVCA had suggested that it be constructed prior to the *complete street*.

AVCA wholeheartedly supports the construction of a "*complete street*" to connect Village Green Square to Sheppard Avenue and a "*multi-use trail*" to connect Village Green Square to Agincourt GO Station.

The *complete street* and *multi-use trail* are needed now – not 20 years from now!

Please move this "***complete street***" and "***multi-use trail***" into the Transportation Services 2023-2032 Capital Plan immediately for the **SAFETY** of Agincourt residents.

Our hope is that for the benefit of **Our Safety - Action** will be taken sooner than **2032!**

Rhoda Potter

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