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Deputy Mayor McKelvie and Toronto City Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: TE5.40 - 40 kilometres per hour Speed Limit on Major Arterial Roads (Ward 4, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14)

Dear Deputy Mayor McKelvie and members of City Council,

Cycle Toronto is writing in support of reducing the speed limit of all roads within the confines of Wards 4, 9, 11, 12, 13 and Ward 14. We would additionally like to see the speed limit reduced to 50 km on the Lake Shore Boulevard East, Lake Shore Boulevard West, Bayview Avenue within the aforementioned Wards.

Arterial roadways represent about 20% of Toronto's roadway network and are the sites of over 80% of collisions that kill or seriously injure people, including school-aged children. With the increased development of the city's core over the past decade, the city's arterial and major road arterials are increasingly cutting through neighbourhoods, making it dangerous for local residents to cross the street to reach the off-leash dog park, drop their kids off at school, pick up groceries, visit their local café or access transit stops/stations.

With many arterial roadways having a **speed limit of 50 kph, even when the driving speed of drivers is within the posted speed limit, people walking, biking and wheeling face an 85% fatality risk when hit by vehicular traffic at 50 kph.** The risk of fatality drops significantly when speeds are lowered to 40 kph and 30 kph.

Toronto will not achieve its Vision Zero Road Safety Plan until speeds along arterial roadways are reduced. By reducing the city's speed limits, the city will be prioritizing the safety of the majority of people in Toronto who rely on transit, walking and biking.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dante".

Alison Stewart
Director, Advocacy and Public Policy
Cycle Toronto

Cycle Toronto is a member-supported charity that works to make Toronto a safe, healthy, and vibrant cycling city for all.