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Infrastructure and Environment Committee
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RE: IE6.2 - On-Street Paid Parking Pilot - Mobile Only Zones

Dear Chair and Members,

I am writing this letter to express the importance of considering the effects of mobile only zones pilot on certain groups of residents and visitors to Toronto.

Paying for parking with a mobile device is an easy and convenient method used by many Torontonians. As new capital investment in parking meters is required, and considering the City's current financial situation, I recognize the desire to modernize our parking infrastructure and make the best use of technology.

However, mobile only zones may be exclusive to some groups of Torontonians, including some seniors who do not use or feel comfortable with smartphones, and those who aren't tethered to devices. Moreover, these zones may prove difficult for those visiting Toronto as tourists, or even driving from other areas of the GTA, who do not have the app installed and ready to use. I hope that if you select to move this pilot forward and as we continue to modernize our parking infrastructure, careful steps are taken to ensure that no one is left behind and that a reasonable accommodation is provided

Thank you for considering my comments on this item.

Sincerely,

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