



November 27, 2023

Toronto City Hall
Infrastructure and Environment Committee
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON
M5H 2N2
Re: IE 9.9 Ensuring Safe and Accessible Pedestrian Routes in Construction Zones

Dear Chair McKelvie and committee members,

Walk Toronto supports the recommendation from the Toronto Accessibility Advisory committee and has been encouraged over the past year with the stakeholder meetings organized by Transportation Services to address road safety advocacy concerns around construction zones on four issues: communication, safe path of travel, staff training, and enforcement.

Still, we believe that the delay in resolving the pressing issue of unsafe passage at the hundreds of construction sites across all wards is putting citizens of Toronto who are not in cars, at great risk as we begin another winter with few daylight hours and the challenges of winter snow and ice on sidewalks and roads.

Safe, accessible, and clearly marked pedestrian routes must be prioritized. This includes clear signage and enforcement mechanisms to ensure the safe passage of vulnerable road users over vehicular traffic.

Sincerely,
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cc. Cllrs McKelvie, Colle, Morley, Pasternak, Perruzza, Saxe