



March 31, 2023

City Councillors
Toronto & East York Community Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St. West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Submitted electronically to teycc@toronto.ca

Dear Members of the TEYCC,

Re: TEYCC__ Safety on Avenue Road – and support for motion by Councillor Dianne Saxe

We support Councillor Saxe's motion for a pilot sidewalk widening on Avenue Road, as well as the lowering of posted speed limits to a uniform 40km/h along the entire stretch from Bloor to St. Clair Avenue West.

A central goal in the work of Community Bikeways, established in 2020, is the re-allocation of road space from motor vehicles to safer, climate-friendly modes of travel such as walking, cycling, and transit.

We fully appreciate the dangers on Avenue Road that result from excessive motor speeds, which routinely and substantially exceed the posted speed limit. It is for this reason that we fully support the reduction of the posted speed limit, as well as a pilot sidewalk widening that is long overdue. A sidewalk widening, by reducing the excessive, speed-inducing width of Avenue Road, is an important step in effective road re-design.

Indeed, we completely agree with the need for a comprehensive re-design of Avenue Road as articulated in the [visionary renderings produced by the firm Brown + Storey Architects](#).

It is our hope that a sidewalk-widening and re-design of the iconic Avenue Road will be a model for other streets across Toronto where high motor speeds, induced by highway-like arterial road design, prejudices the safety of road users, particularly people on foot and on bikes, or who rely on mobility devices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Ann Neary".

Mary Ann Neary, Coordinator
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