

April 11, 2023 Toronto East York Community Council Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: TE4.66 - Pedestrian Safety on Avenue Road, Bloor Street to St. Clair Avenue West

Dear Chair Perks and members of Toronto East York Community Council,

I am writing in support of Councillor Saxe's request to have the General Manager, Transportation Services, report the results of the Avenue Road Study and public consultation (Phase 2) to the Toronto East York Community Council by Q4 2023. We support the calls of the Avenue Road Safety Coalition (ARSC) and other concerned groups and residents regarding the urgent need to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety along Avenue Rd between Bloor Street and St. Clair Avenue West, beginning with a reduction in the speed limit from 50km/h to 40km/h.

Since 2009, Cycle Toronto has been advocating for Toronto to adopt policies, programs and infrastructure that support cycling as an essential part of the city's multi-modal transportation network. We uphold the principles that streets are for people, and that no traffic fatalities are acceptable. Our vision for a brighter future for Toronto hinges on making our communities safer, healthier and more sustainable for those who live and work in them. It is our position that the most effective solution to improving road safety is to build streets that are safe by design.

We are calling on you to advance the safety of people walking, rolling, wheeling, and using mobility devices along the 2.1 km segment of Avenue Road (between Bloor St W and St. Clair Ave W) by:

- 1. Reporting back to Toronto East York Community Council by Q4 2023 on the impact and effectiveness of the Avenue Road Study and public consultation, Phase 2.
- 2. Implementing an 18 month pedestrian safety pilot study that follows the city's Complete Streets Guidelines.
- 3. Reducing the traffic speed from 50km/h to 40km/h immediately.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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