

Toronto East York Community Council

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Toronto and East York Community Council

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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the April 12, 2023 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting on item 2023.TE4.66, Pedestrian Safety on Avenue Road, Bloor Street to St. Clair Avenue West

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Comments:

We at the Church of the Redeemer at Avenue Road and Bloor are very supportive of any **efforts to create a safe, healthy, climate-friendly Avenue Road, beginning with an immediate reduction of the lethal speeds and taking the next steps to investigate options for widening the substandard sidewalks to protect vulnerable pedestrians and fulfill the City's own Vision Zero policies.**

We agree with the following proposals –

Speed limits must be reduced and enforced. A 2017 City of Toronto Avenue Corridor Safety Study identified that 85% of motor vehicles between Bloor and St Clair were travelling at or above the posted 50 km/h speed limit putting pedestrians at risk. With 5 schools and 4 seniors residences on or within close walking distance to Avenue Road, children and the elderly are particularly at risk.

Many segments of the sidewalk in this stretch do not meet City standards and are less than 1.1 metres wide and intermittently obstructed by utility poles and sign posts that impede passage for people with strollers or mobility devices

Surely interim measures that don't involve a major overhaul of the road and its underground infrastructure can be taken.

The Leadership of the Church of the Redeemer.
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