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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the June 11, 2024 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting on item 2024.TE14.38, Avenue Road Study - Interim Update and Proposed Site-Specific Road Safety Improvements

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

Dear Chair Moise and Members of the TEYCC,

I support the City Council's efforts to improve safety on the dangerous 6-lane section of Avenue Road between Bloor and St. Clair. The plan to reduce Avenue Road from Davenport to Dupont to four lanes is crucial and will significantly enhance road safety for everyone. Unfortunately, I understand there are no plans to widen the pedestrian space between Davenport and St. Clair. These sidewalks must be made safe - Brown School has many students who walk this stretch each morning, and the sidewalks are perilously narrow.

With respect to the proposal from Davenport to Dupont, the staff proposes extending curbside parking to 24/7 as a traffic barrier but the City plans to keep all 34 parking spots in the area. Data shows these parking spots are underutilized, with plenty of parking available within a 5-minute walk. The City can make do with fewer parking spots and should use that space to make sidewalks safer and more accessible.

Please prioritize pedestrian safety, *over parking*, and please expedite a solution for the remainder of Avenue Road as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrea Goldfarb

Principal