



**THE ANNEX
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Toronto City Council
100 Queen Street West
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Dear Mayor Chow and Members of City Council,

Re: Item TE14.38 Supplementary Report: Avenue Road Study - Interim Update and Proposed Site-Specific Road Safety Improvements

The Annex Residents' Association (ARA) has been advocating for the implementation of measures to make the 2.1 km Corridor of Avenue Road from St. Clair West to Bloor Street West safe for pedestrians, including children, seniors and persons with disabilities.

We ask that City Council approve recommendations #3 to #8 inclusive from the Director, Planning, Design and Management, Transportation Services, June 19, 2024, Supplementary Report, and delete recommendations #1 and # 2.

We strongly supported and applaud the measures approved by the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on May 28th in IE 14.4 for the segment of the Corridor from Davenport Road to Bloor Street West.

The captioned Supplementary Report dated June 19, 2024 addresses the segment of the Corridor from Davenport Road to Dupont Street. This Supplementary Report incorporates additional feedback from Community Council and stakeholders on Staffs' prior report.

We do not support recommendations #1 and #2 of the Supplementary Report for installation of a median at the intersection Roxborough Avenue West and Avenue Road. The median is not responsive to the issue of pedestrian safety and will serve only to create conflict.

We believe that the other improvements to Avenue Road, if approved, will improve the conditions at this intersection.

We do support Staffs' suggestion to install a raised crosswalk on the east side of the intersection to improve the safety of north and south pedestrian crossing movements across Roxborough Street West.

The ARA will continue to work with City Staff, Councillor Saxe, Councillor Matlow and the local residents to refine these improvements and monitor the ongoing work in Ward 11 during the detailed design phase.

Implementation of safety measures with respect to the third segment of the Corridor from Dupont to St. Clair West in Ward 12 remains unfinished. The ARA will continue to advocate on this front because the implementation must be done promptly to ensure the creation of a cohesive pedestrian safety realm along the entire Corridor and to help the City to achieve its Vision Zero and TransformTO policies.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rita Bilerman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rita Bilerman
Chair, Annex Residents' Association