



June 24, 2024

Toronto City Council
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Toronto City Council,

RE: TE14.38 - Avenue Road Study - Interim Update and Proposed Site-Specific Road Safety Improvements

The ABC Residents Association (“ABCRA”) is an incorporated volunteer body that has been serving the community since 1957. ABCRA represents the interests of residents in the area bounded by Yonge Street, Avenue Road, Bloor Street, and the CPR tracks.

ABCRA is also a member in good standing of the Avenue Road Safety Coalition (ARSC). We commend Councillor Saxe and City Council members for recognizing the need for site-specific road safety improvements along the 2.1 km stretch of Avenue Road, and we thank her for her ongoing leadership and collaboration.

On behalf of the ABCRA, we urge City Council to approve recommendations #3 through #8 as outlined in the June 19, 2024, Supplementary Report. Additionally, we respectfully request the removal of recommendations #1 and #2.

ABCRA also strongly endorse the proposed ongoing work, as described on pages 10 & 11 of the staff report in during the detailed design phase, particularly emphasizing our endorsement for the raised crosswalk on the east leg of the Roxborough Street West and Avenue Road intersection. We feel strongly that there must be a commitment to collaborate with the community throughout this process to explore and design effective interim phase 1 pedestrian safety improvements.

While the recommendations being presented are technical in nature, we want to re-emphasize that these recommended changes are critical and must be swiftly

implemented without further delay to mitigate risks to public safety. The Avenue Road Safety Plan makes it clear that the current road conditions on Avenue Road do not meet the City's safety policies and legal requirements and urgent action is necessary to implement the recommended options to safeguard pedestrians and ensure compliance with municipal policies. We urge City Council to prioritize these measures in the interest of the well-being and security of all pedestrians in our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your favorable decision on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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