



February 1, 2024

Dear Members of the Board of Governors Exhibition Place,

Re: EP8.2 - Multi-Modal Transportation & Event Operations & Logistics Study

I am writing to you as the Chair of the West Side Community Council, representing an umbrella organization of thirteen West End community associations, regarding agenda item number EP8.2 - Multi-Modal Transportation & Event Operations & Logistics Study.

Upon reviewing the EXHIBITION PLACE Multi-Modal Transportation & Event Operations & Logistics Study, our council has identified several areas we would like to address:

1. We commend WSP for the work completed thus far. The primary efforts focused on the central portion of the Exhibition Place site are robust and considerate of last-mile pedestrian movement from North to South through the grounds (Corridor 1, 2, 3, and 4) connecting the Ontario Line, GO Line, TTC, and Ontario Place.
2. The initial request from Exhibition Place was to produce a Pedestrianization Plan for the 192-acre site. However, the report lacks a more holistic approach for the entire site regarding pedestrian access and mobility. For instance, there was minimal focus on the western (Relax) portion of the grounds. We commend the Corridor 4 proposal to enhance pedestrian access from the east.
3. We have observed that there are currently six vehicle access points into Exhibition Place. We are aware of two additional access points at the east end, namely Princes' Gate and the south end of Canada Blvd. Were these two access points considered in the transportation review?
4. How does the report contribute to the pedestrian experience in the Park and Open Space Areas and the City's Green Space System, which typically restricts usage to recreational and cultural facilities, and essential public infrastructure?
5. The report fails to mention the Parking Lot CP 852, which has been designated for the creation of Festival Plaza since 2009. Additionally, Parking Lot CP 855, located just north of the Bandshell, would be an ideal candidate for removal since it falls within the Park and Open Space Areas.

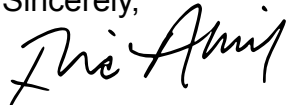
6. Cycling routes primarily presented are off-site, south of Lakeshore Blvd. Very few on-site cycling routes were proposed (see pages 8 & 16). More consideration should be given to cyclists and mobility devices utilizing the Exhibition Place streets and asphalted areas.

7. Does the report align with the Exhibition Place Next Place Master Plan? The enactment of the WSP Phase 1 Feasibility Study should take a more holistic approach and consider the overall connectivity of Exhibition Place.

8. Several errors have been identified in the report. Firstly, there is a mention of two Marilyn Bell Parks, which do not exist on the grounds. At this location, the Fire Hall and Police Station are situated. Secondly, Bandshell Park was omitted, which lies between the Bandshell and the Horticultural Building (see Figure 2-1, page 8; Figure 6-1, page 42; Figure 6-2, page 43; and Figure 6-3, page 44).

In closing, we appreciate the opportunity to present the thoughts of local residents to the Board and staff and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ric Amis".

Ric Amis

Spokesperson/Chair, West Side Community Council

Chair, Parkdale Residents Association

Members of the WSCC include: the Grange Community Association, the Harbord Village Residents' Association, the Garment District Neighbourhood Association, the Trinity Bellwoods Community Association, the Ossington Community Association, the Lakeview Avenue Neighbourhood Association, the Liberty Village Residents' Association, Niagara Neighbourhood Now, Beaconsfield Village Residents' Association, Active 18, the Parkdale Residents Association, Roncesvalles–Macdonell Residents Association, and the Bloordale Community Improvement Association.

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Figure 2-1: Existing Sustainable Transportation Network and Future Plans