



FRANCES NUNZIATA

COUNCIL SPEAKER YORK SOUTH—WESTON WARD 5

November 28th, 2024

To: Chair and Members of Etobicoke York Community Council

Re: Church Street- Removal of Traffic Calming Islands

SUMMARY:

In 2020, my office was approached by numerous residents of Church Street expressing urgent concerns about the growing danger posed by speeding vehicles. Their concerns were accompanied by a petition requesting the installation of speed humps to address the issue. However, since Church Street serves as a TTC route, speed humps were not considered a viable option.

At the time, Transportation Services recommended the installation of a Traffic Calming Island as an alternative measure to deter speeding. Unfortunately, over the years, this measure has proven to be ineffective in slowing down traffic and has become a safety concern for the community.

Transportation Services has updated the Traffic Calming Policy to include speed cushions which are specifically designed to reduce vehicle speeds while allowing TTC buses and emergency vehicles to pass through without disruption.

Transportation Services has agreed to investigate the implementation of speed cushions on Church Street, between Grattan Street and Cypress Street and report back to City Council in Q1 of 2025 with their findings.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. City Council authorize the removal of the existing traffic calming islands on Church Street between Grattan Street and Cypress Street.
2. City Council request the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services to assess vehicle speed on Church Street, from Grattan Street to Cypress Street and report back with their findings on the feasibility of installation of speed cushions.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Frances Nunziata
Council Speaker
Toronto City Councillor
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