From: Avenue Road Safety Coalition

To: Infrastructure and Environment

Cc: Councillor Saxe; Councillor Matlow; Andrew Greene; Nathan Wener

Subject: [External Sender] My comments for 2024.IE10.1 on January 9, 2024 Infrastructure and Environment Committee

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To the City Clerk:

Please add the comments submitted by the Avenue Road Safety Coalition to the agenda for the January 9, 2024 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2024.IE10.1, Administrative Penalty System for Red Light Camera and Automated Speed Enforcement Violations

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Comments:

(contact 647-280-2589 in case of questions)

Infrastructure & Environment Committee Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Members of the Infrastructure & Environment Committee, Re: IE10.1 Administrative Penalty System for Red Light Camera and Automated Speed Enforcement Violations

The Avenue Road Safety Coalition supports the IEC Motion IE10.1, to change the method by which fines are administered for Red Light Camera and Automated Speed Enforcement Violations.

The ARSC, which was established in 2017 to advocate for improved safety on Avenue Road, urges the IEC to support the staff proposal. We believe that the new system 'to remove the administration of fines from the court system' would allow an expansion of the city's red-light camera and automatic speed-camera programs, and would further the city's goals under Vision Zero and increase public safety.

According to Toronto's Open Data site more than 900,000 speeding tickets have be issued in designated Community Safety Zones through the Automated Speed Camera enforcement program. These numbers illustrate the importance and necessity of these devices in Community, Senior and School Safety Zones such as Avenue Road.

The Avenue Road Safety Coalition supports the expansion of the Red Light program and this Motion IE10.1 regarding the Red Light Camera and Automated Speed Enforcement as it represents a bold step forward in the expansion of Vision Zero program and policies and Road safety initiatives throughout the city of Toronto. We applaud this is an excellent start to a New Year and we also look forward to working with City Transportation staff and with the support of members of the IEC and our local Councillors Saxe and Matlow, to the implementation of the Avenue Road Study recommendations to protect our most vulnerable road users in 2024.

Sincerely,

Arlene Desjardins on behalf of

The Avenue Road Safety Coalition, www.avenueroadsafetycoalition.ca

January 7, 2024