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Mr. Matthew Green
Environment Committee Administrator
Infrastructure and Environment Committee
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To the Members of Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

Re: Support for May 28, 2024 Meeting Item 2024.IEI4.4 – Avenue Road Study

The Bay Cloverhill Community Association represents 18,000 individuals in the Yonge/College/Queen's Park/Charles neighbourhood in University Rosedale Ward 11 and Toronto Centre Ward 13. Given our proximity to Avenue Road, we support any efforts that can improve pedestrian safety in the area. Safety improvements to Avenue Road will benefit the Bay Cloverhill neighbourhood by encouraging similar improvements along Queen's Park Crescent and University Avenue. Together these two areas can provide a safe cycling and pedestrian route by reducing the amount of vehicle lanes.

We are pleased that the speed limit was reduced last Fall to 40 km/hour. We support the reduction of vehicle lanes from 6 to 4, which would allow the expansion of sidewalks and bicycle tracks. In addition, there could be delivery/drop off zones to facilitate the many food delivery couriers using the street instead of sidewalks. Having bicycles and ebikes (or other micromobility devices) on the sidewalk is a hazard for vulnerable senior citizens, vision and hearing impaired residents and families with small children. In the long term, the road should be reconfigured by moving the curblines. In the short term, temporary measures such as concrete jersey barriers that could be decorated as part of the City's Concrete Barrier Art Program would be beneficial.

All neighbourhoods deserve to be a safe place for residents, whether they are walking, cycling or driving. This is in line with the City's Vision Zero strategy to reduce traffic related fatalities and serious injuries. It is also important to meet the minimum provincial requirements for the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

Sincerely,

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