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To the Members of the Toronto East York Community Council:

Re: Support for June 11, 2024 Meeting Item 2024.TE14.38 – 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 and making critical safety improvements for all residents.

We strongly support the installation of a median to physically separate northbound turn and through lanes on Avenue Road between Roxborough Street West to Dupont Street, and safety improvements in front of the Church of the Messiah in 2024.

We are also in favour of the design and installation in 2024 or 2025 of other measures recommended by City staff as part of the Avenue Road Study, namely pedestrian safety improvements, removing one northbound and one southbound vehicle traffic lane, creating a pedestrian crossing at Ramsden Park and putting in a speed enforcement camera between Edmund Avenue and Cottingham Street.

However, there are some crucial items missing from the staff recommendations. Sidewalks need to be made wider. The existing narrow sidewalks result in crowded walking quarters and do not meet the needs of disabled people. Wider sidewalks should be a priority for the area as an alternative to the proposed creation of pay and display parking spaces. The economic benefit of parking revenue and convenience of drivers looking for a place to park should be secondary to the safety of pedestrians. It would be better to create short term loading/parking spaces to benefit drivers.

The momentum that will be created from the redesign of Avenue Road and installation of cycle tracks as part of the Cycling Network Plan adopted at the May 28th meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee must be capitalized on. It is our social responsibility to make Toronto somewhere pedestrians, cyclists and drivers can exist together in a safe environment.

Sincerely,

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