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Attention: Cathrine Regan

RE: TE14.38 Avenue Road Study – Interim Update and Proposed Site-Specific Safety Improvements

Dear Chair Councillor Chris Moise and Members, Toronto and East York Community Council

The Deer Park Residents Group (DPRG) represents residents in the area between Avenue Road to the west and Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and the Vale of Avoca to the east, the Beltline to the north and Farnham and Woodlawn Avenue West and Jackes Avenue to the south.

The Deer Park Residents Group is a member of the Avenue Road Safety Coalition and supports the ABCRA's request for widening the narrow sidewalks, and other improvements to pedestrian safety on Avenue Road.

However, we are concerned that the report does not give holistic consideration of how to move people and vehicles through congested streets while addressing pedestrian safety. We were not consulted in the development of the detailed proposals in this report and are very concerned about the impacts of the proposed median. Other options to managing pedestrian and vehicular traffic at this intersection have not been considered. Further analysis and consideration are required.

The proposed median will eliminate the important Roxborough Dupont east west link between Avenue Road and Yonge. The closest major east west streets are St. Clair and Belmont/Davenport. Ramsden Park and the Cottingham area limit possible east west traffic routes to a few narrow local residential streets: Balmoral, Woodlawn and Farnham in Deer Park, Marlborough and Macpherson just south of the CPR tracks which are narrow and one way east. To the west of Avenue Road other streets may be affected - the one way north narrow Poplar Plains, as well as other local streets in South Hill, the Rathnelly area and Pears and Chicora.



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One option to consider is a “traffic light intersection” on Avenue Road between Dupont and Roxborough to safely manage the various pedestrian and vehicle movements, as well as the need with such an option for the proposed “intersectional pedestrian signal” to provide access to Ramsden Park. Other solutions may be more costly than a concrete median, but can provide a safer and more effective resolution of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the area.

We are therefore recommending that there be consultation with affected neighbourhoods and further study of options to the median proposal and the analysis of their impacts.

Yours sincerely,

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CC Councillor Matlow