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Ms. Cathrine Regan
Toronto East York Community Council
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To the Members of the Toronto East York Community Council:

Re: Support for October 24, 2024 Meeting Item New Business –Parking Amendments St. Joseph Street

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. Many of our residents are seniors with limited mobility, some with vision or hearing loss. Due to our proximity to the University of Toronto St. George campus, there are also a large number of students who thrive on food delivery, online shopping and rideshare apps. Local restaurants and stores have frequent deliveries made by large trucks, in addition to mail and delivery services for residents. We advocate for any safety improvements in line with Vision Zero, and anything to provide some much needed relief on downtown vehicle congestion in our neighbourhood.

There are almost 1,700 units in 5 condo buildings plus 3 rental apartment buildings on St. Joseph, with about 3,000 residential residents. Every day there are delivery trucks from Canada Post, UPS, Purolator and numerous different stores dropping off packages. Countless Uber and Lyft vehicles are dropping off or picking up residents at all times of the day.

St. Joseph Street is one way eastbound from Bay Street to Yonge Street, with on street parking on both sides. The street is designed for one lane of vehicular traffic, but is wide enough for vehicles to double park and still allow traffic flow. However, sightlines are comprised when vehicles stand in the live lane of traffic, endangering pedestrians who often jaywalk to cross St. Joseph Street or the many bicycles travelling along the road. There is a BikeShare station on the north side of St. Joseph Street, just east of Bay, and many residents use their own personal bicycles.

The creation of a commercial vehicle loading zone would avoid trucks having to park illegally on St. Joseph Street or St. Nicholas Street. Similarly if there was a passenger loading zone, cars would not be double parked on the street. Pedestrian/cyclist safety would be enhanced and traffic flow would be better.

We strongly support the creation of the commercial and passenger loading zones on St. Joseph Street. These improvements would support the City's Vision Zero goals. St. Joseph Street would operate more efficiently for vehicles and be safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers to co-exist in a densely populated urban environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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