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To Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

Since Councillor Colle and I worked together to bring a motion to Council in February 2025 requesting a redesign of the Eglinton Avenue West and Allen Road intersection, the City has failed to devote the sufficient resources and the necessary plan required to meaningfully advance solutions that are so urgently needed.

This is unacceptable. The ongoing delays in redesigning this intersection cannot continue any longer. I am once again requesting the necessary attention this dysfunctional intersection needs to improve the lives of commuters and local neighbourhood residents.

The consequences of this inaction are felt by residents every single day. Traffic congestion along Eglinton remains unbearable, and pedestrian safety is a significant concern as neighbourhood streets absorb overflow traffic. Local roads have become so jammed that residents struggle to exit their driveways or safely drop their children off at school.

Our communities have borne the brunt of the bottleneck produced by this intersection. Travel across Midtown is blocked by gridlock, traffic is diverted onto local roads illequipped to handle it, and the daily movement of countless Torontonians is undermined.

While the current design flaws of the Allen Road can be traced back to historical planning mistakes that led to an expressway leading out onto a main street, and the legacy of Metrolinx's many years of LRT construction delays, the responsibility to deliver meaningful improvements now rests squarely with the City of Toronto.

City staff have not provided clarity in this report as to why an engineering consultant has not been hired since February, despite the scope of work being clearly defined in my motion. We are requesting that staff explicitly outline the financial resources that will be required to proceed with the redesign and to advise Council on the fastest timeline by which this work could be completed – to finally fix this problem once and for all.

Thank you very much for your consideration

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