

City Clerk

TORONTO CITY HALL

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RE: 2025.MM31.8 on June 25, 2025 City Council

Dear City Clerk,

I would like this letter to become part of the public record for 2025.MM31.8, East Mall Bus 111 Route Public Consultation - by Councillor Stephen Holyday, seconded by Councillor Vincent Crisanti.

As a resident of the neighborhood affected by the proposed rerouting of the East Mall Bus 111, I want to express my deep concern and disappointment with this decision.

While I recognize that current bus stops may not meet accessibility standards, rerouting the bus through our residential streets is a short-sighted, temporary fix that overlooks critical safety and infrastructure issues. Our neighborhood streets are narrow, especially during school pickup and drop-off times when vehicles line both sides of the road. It's hard to imagine how a bus could safely pass through under those conditions.

Moreover, this plan fails to consider the number of children who regularly play, bike, and walk in the area. Unlike downtown Toronto, our community is quieter and more family-oriented—children are often outside, and introducing heavy bus traffic significantly increases the risk of accidents. Add to this the increase in noise and air pollution, and it's clear that this change brings more harm than benefit.

We need a thoughtful, sustainable solution—one that improves accessibility without compromising the safety and character of our community.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Mikhail-Tavares