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Dear Toronto and East York Community Council,

Please find attached a letter from Scott Mabury, Vice-President, Operations and Real Estate Partnerships at the University of Toronto, to Councillor Saxe regarding item [TE26.53](#) – Pedestrian Safety at University of Toronto that is tracking to the Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Toronto and East York Community Council meeting.

Scott Mabury is copied on this email and has approved the posting of this letter.

Thanks,

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Councillor Dianne Saxe  
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Dear Councillor Saxe,

The University of Toronto continues to receive reports from the community about instances where pedestrians and cyclists are being injured due to a disregard for signage and traffic signals; the intersection and area around Ursula Franklin and St. George is one that is particularly fraught. As of the 2022 academic year, the University returned to full-time in person activities on campus and continues to monitor where pedestrian safety can be improved and requests intervention. On September 16th, 2025, members of the University community observed and provided a recording of a chaotic situation with vehicles on St. George Street attempting to turn either to or from Ursula Franklin Street were in direct conflict with crowds of students crossing, while frustrated drivers sped around blocking vehicles against the direction of traffic, one of many examples of the issues seen at this intersection. The University is requesting immediate action for the City of Toronto to implement a roadway modification to remedy this safety issue for pedestrians and cyclists at the intersection of Ursula Franklin Street and St. George Street.

The University of Toronto St. George Campus is a hub of pedestrian activity and instruction where over 65,000 students and over 10,000 faculty, librarians and staff study and work in addition to members of the broader community that use the open spaces and routes through campus for their commute and enjoyment.

The St. George Campus is an active campus that will see further intensity starting in January 2026 with plans to ensure a strong presence of administrative staff and critical mass of people on campus. The University continues to evaluate instances where pedestrian safety can be improved. The University and the City of Toronto have worked on implementing pedestrian priority signals at the Harbord and St. George intersection, now under construction, and the University has installed speed humps on Devonshire Place to help slow down vehicular traffic.

The University with continued support by the City of Toronto seeks to further improve pedestrian and cycling safety at the St. George campus and welcomes discussion of long term solutions to improve the campus experience.

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