



July 29, 2026

To: Toronto City Council

Re: MM43.42 - Pedestrian Safety Improvements Surrounding Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mike Colle

Dear councillors and mayor,

Walk Toronto strongly supports the proposed pedestrian improvements around Yonge and Eglinton. In particular, we would like to reiterate our strong support for establishing a pedestrian scramble at Yonge and Eglinton.

This pedestrian scramble should follow the pattern of the existing ones at Yonge and Dundas and Yonge and Bloor, in which pedestrians can cross not only during the scramble phase, but also in the regular direction of traffic during the other phases of the signal.

Yonge and Eglinton has long been one of the intersections with the heaviest pedestrian traffic in Toronto. Far more pedestrians than drivers use it. This was the case before construction on the Eglinton Crosstown LRT began. City of Toronto pedestrian counts around 2011 showed that Yonge and Eglinton had the highest pedestrian count of any intersection in Toronto: 42,680 in one day. That was higher than the intersections that did get pedestrian scrambles. Since then, a large number of new residential towers have been built in the area, adding even more pedestrian demand.

Transportation Services study showed that the intersection **meets all of the (very strict) warrant requirements for a scramble intersection**. They also reveal that the intersection **experiences severe pedestrian crowding** due to the volumes using it, especially on the south-west corner.

Now that the Eglinton Crosstown LRT is fully operational, a pedestrian scramble will no longer create excessive delays for public transit. That has removed the last serious objection to installing a pedestrian scramble there.

Toronto's transportation and climate policies commit to encouraging walking by prioritizing pedestrian safety and convenience. Establishing a pedestrian scramble intersection at Yonge and Eglinton would confirm the City of Toronto's long term vision of making Toronto a great city for walking.

Thank you,

Dylan Reid, on behalf of Walk Toronto