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Dear City Council

EPRA has seen the letter to you by Dylan Read of Walk Toronto, backing a pedestrian scramble at Yonge and Eglinton. We back that letter happily.

But we want to address the proposed scramble **one block to the north**, at Orchard View and Roehampton, a very sharp dog-leg as they meet Yonge.

Some councillors will worry that a scramble there will slow traffic on Yonge. EPRA, with its ally in Republic Residents' Association, have looked very hard at traffic patterns at that very tricky intersection, with its big crowds of pedestrians, and more to come as more towers open to occupation. We are certainly concerned for pedestrian safety. It is more important, in our eyes, than ease of driving. But, and this is crucial, we are persuaded that a scramble there would actually make the flow of traffic, southbound on Yonge and eastbound from Orchard View, not slower but faster. At present, ambiguity in the traffic lights over and over leaves cars and trucks stranded in the middle of the intersection. That jam-up slows traffic flow east-west, and also provokes very hasty, dangerous left-turns and also swerving drive-throughs from Orchard View into Roe.

We hope that the technical folk from city can show you how a scramble up there, given local conditions, is the best solution for a very tricky intersection. So, we hope you accept the Matlow-Colle proposal.

Best wishes,

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cc Geri Berholtz of Republic RA

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