



SOUTH EGLINTON DAVISVILLE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

June 30, 2026

To: City Council

MM43.62 - Merton Street Streetscape Improvements - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Rachel Chernos Lin

SEDRA (South Eglinton Davisville Residents Association) is writing to express our support for the motion requesting that Transportation Services engage in meaningful consultation with the Merton Street community between Yonge Street and Mount Pleasant Road, and report back in the fourth quarter of 2027 with recommendations for streetscape improvements.

Merton Street is a well-used corridor that serves residents, pedestrians, cyclists, and local businesses. As the neighbourhood continues to grow and evolve, it is essential that future improvements reflect the lived experience of those who rely on the street every day. A structured consultation process will ensure that community priorities—such as safety, accessibility, greenery, traffic calming, and public realm enhancements—are fully understood and incorporated.

The motion's direction to explore short-term quick-build installations alongside opportunities to bundle improvements into broader capital projects and development applications is both practical and forward-looking. Quick-build tools can deliver near-term benefits while larger capital initiatives provide long-term stability and design cohesion. Together, these approaches will help create a safer, more welcoming, and more resilient streetscape.

SEDRA strongly supports this motion and encourage Transportation Services to work closely with residents, stakeholders, and local organizations to develop recommendations that reflect the community's needs and aspirations.

Respectfully,

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