

Date: February 18, 2026

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Speed Limit Reduction – King Street West, between Dufferin Street and Strachan Avenue (Ward 10, Spadina-Fort York)

Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 10 Councillor to provide recommended wording for recommendations they plan to present to the February 19, 2026, Toronto and East York Community Council. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the Councillor's letter.

## **Summary**

- Staff **support** the draft recommendations provided below
- Staff **do not support** the draft recommendations provided below
- X  Staff do not have sufficient data and/or time to determine if the draft recommendations provided below can be supported by staff, at this time.

## Draft Recommendations

1. *City Council designate a 40 km/h speed limit on King Street West, between Dufferin Street and Strachan Avenue.*

The Deputy Mayor's office, on behalf of residents, requested Transportation Services to evaluate concerns that westbound motorists are speeding past streetcars on King Street West in the vicinity of the transit stop at Joe Shuster Way. Staff have confirmed there are no posted or by-lawed speed limits on King Street West, between Dufferin Street and Strachan Avenue. Accordingly, this section of King Street West, which is classified as major arterial road, operates under the default unsigned speed limit of 50 km/h.

The section of King Street West, west of Dufferin Street, was previously reduced in 2023 to 40 km/h, further to City Council's adoption of [Agenda Item History - 2023.TE5.40](#).

The section of King Street West, east of Strachan Avenue, was previously reduced in 2016 to 40 km/h, further to City Council's adoption of [Agenda Item History - 2016.PW14.1](#).

A speed limit reduction from 50 km/h to 40 km/h on the subject segment of King Street West will align with the existing speed limits west of Dufferin Street and east of Strachan Avenue.

Transportation Services does not have policy guidance or warrant criteria to recommend a speed limit reduction to 40 km/h on a major arterial road. Furthermore, no studies have been undertaken to confirm the operating speeds on this section of King Street West. Accordingly, Transportation Services does not have sufficient data to support this request.

### **Financial Impact**

Staff have not been able to develop engineering estimates for this work but based on previous experience and similar work in the past, we expect the costs associated with approving the draft recommendations above will be approximately \$2,000.00. As this work was not anticipated, it has not been specifically included in any approved budgets. Completion of the work would be subject to availability and competing priorities within future Transportation Services Operating Budgets, unless a specific funding source is identified by the Councillor and approved by City Council.

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