

Date: November 27, 2025

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Mike Barnet, Director, Enforcement and Street Management

Re: Reducing Speed Limit on Collector Roads to 30 km/h within Ward 9 (Ward 9, Davenport)

Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 9 Councillor to provide wording for recommendations they plan to present to the November 27, 2025, Toronto and East York Community Council. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the Councillor's letter.

Summary

- ☐ Staff **support** the draft recommendations provided below
- X Staff **do not support** the draft recommendations provided below
- ☐ 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. *Toronto and East York Community Council authorize the reduction in the speed limit of all roads designated as Collector roads that currently have a speed limit above 40 km/h down to 30 km/h within the confines of Ward 9 (Davenport), excluding Collector roads that bound Ward 12 (Toronto-St. Paul's).*
2. *Toronto and East York Community Council amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, generally as outlined in Attachment 1 to the letter (November 27, 2025) from Councillor Alejandra Bravo.*
3. *Toronto and East York Community Council authorize the amendment of Schedule XLV (Part 1) to City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950, Traffic and Parking, to remove the following streets from being excluded from the Designated Area such that the following portions of highways will then be included within the corresponding designated area in Column 1 in Schedule XLV (Part 1):*
 - a. *Auburn Avenue between Via Italia and Dufferin Street;*
 - b. *Geary Avenue between Dufferin Street and Dovercourt Road;*
 - c. *Hope Street between Nairn Avenue and Dufferin Street;*
 - d. *Lansdowne Avenue between Davenport Road and St. Clair Avenue West;*

- e. Rockwell Avenue between Old Weston Road and Silverthorn Avenue;
and*
- f. Via Italia between Auburn Avenue and St. Clair Avenue West.*
- 4. *Toronto and East York Community Council reduce the speed limit from 40 km/hr to 30 km/hr on Emerson Avenue, between Bloor Street West and Wallace Avenue.*
- 5. *Toronto and East York Community Council reduce the speed limit from 40 km/hr to 30 km/hr on Emerson Avenue, between Lappin Avenue and Dupont Street.*

In 2019, Vision Zero recommended speed limit reductions from 50 km/h to 40 km/h for collector roads ([Agenda Item History - 2019.IE6.8](#)), which included roads in residential and non-residential areas. The function of collector roads is to provide access to property and traffic movement. There is no policy guidance or warrant criteria to recommend a speed limit reduction to 30 km/h on an area basis. 30 km/h speed limits are typically only installed on collector roads with traffic calming measures in place, which will reinforce the intended operating speeds. As a result, staff does not support the requested speed limit reduction on collector roads.

The Ward Councillor requested staff provide recommendation wording to reduce the speed limits on collector roads to 30 km/h within the boundaries of Ward 9 to improve the safety for all road users. Transportation staff compiled a summary of the existing collector roads in Ward 9 that are 40 km/h.

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 \$13,000.00. 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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Attachment 1:

Amendments to Speed Limits on Collector Roads within Ward 9

To Be Rescinded:

Chapter 950 – Schedule XXXV: Speed Limits on Public Highways

Highway	Between	Speed Limit (km/h)
Auburn Avenue	Via Italia and Dufferin Street	40
Emerson Avenue	Bloor Street West and Dupont Street	40
Geary Avenue	Dovercourt Road and Dufferin Street	40
Hallam Street	Dovercourt Road and Shaw Street	40
Hope Street	Dufferin Street and Nairn Avenue	40
Lansdowne Avenue	Davenport Road and St. Clair Avenue West	40
Lappin Avenue	Lansdowne Avenue and Emerson Avenue	40
Rockwell Avenue	Old Weston Road and Silverthorn Avenue	40
Symington Avenue	Bloor Street West and Dupont Street	40
Via Italia	St. Clair Avenue West and Auburn Avenue	40

To Be Added:

Chapter 950 – Schedule XXXV: Speed Limits on Public Highways

Highway	Between	Speed Limit (km/h)
Auburn Avenue	Via Italia and Dufferin Street	30
Emerson Avenue	Wallace Avenue and Lappin Avenue	30
Geary Avenue	Dovercourt Road and Dufferin Street	30
Hallam Street	Dovercourt Road and Ossington Avenue	30
Hallam Street	Ossington Avenue and Shaw Street	40
Hope Street	Dufferin Street and Nairn Avenue	30
Lansdowne Avenue	Davenport Road and St. Clair Avenue West	30
Lappin Avenue	Lansdowne Avenue and Emerson Avenue	30
Old Weston Road	Westport Avenue and a point 128 metres south	30
Rockwell Avenue	Old Weston Road and Silverthorn Avenue	30
Symington Avenue	Bloor Street West and Dupont Street	30
Via Italia	St. Clair Avenue West and Auburn Avenue	30