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Subject: [External Sender] South Hill District Homeowners' Association Comments on the Davenport/Macpherson Safety Improvement Project (Item Number 2026.TE29.40 of TEYCC on February 19, 2026)
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City Clerk, please add these comments to the agenda for the February 19, 2026 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting on item 2026.TE29.40, Safety Improvements on Davenport Road, Cottingham Road, Poplar Plains Road, and Macpherson Avenue.

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To The Chair and Members of the Toronto and East York Community Council:

The community of South Hill, most directly impacted by the proposed changes, has fundamental disagreements with Transportation Services on the rationale, assumptions and solutions for the Davenport/MacPherson/Poplar Plains intersection, as well as other changes proposed. Specifically:

- We are not aware of any safety incidents over a very long time-frame in this area generally and at this intersection in particular. We object to 'fixing' something which is not broken. **Consequently, the community of South Hill does not support a new light at this intersection.**
- A light at this intersection will create traffic chaos and confusion where none exists today. Traffic flows smoothly while pedestrian safety could be easily and economically improved with additional signage and regular maintenance of the existing cross-walks.
- A provision for westbound traffic on MacPherson to Davenport should not be encouraged as it will provide a means for more vehicles to cut through the Rathnelly residential neighbourhood from Avenue Road.
- To avoid waiting at this intersection, it is inevitable more northbound vehicles will turn into the Rathnelly residential neighbourhood in order to find a way around the increased congestion on Poplar Plains Road.
- There is already a backup of traffic under the bridge northbound of the heavily-congested Dupont/Davenport intersection less than 100m to the south. A light at MacPherson will exacerbate this impossible situation, causing additional gridlock and further frustrate drivers.

- The rationale provided that only a traffic light will prevent vehicles from running stop signs is an enforcement issue all over the City. It is unreasonable and unacceptable to install traffic lights at every street with a stop sign due to a lack of enforcement.
- Changes of this magnitude should be much better communicated to the neighbourhoods which are most impacted. The original proposals have undergone constant revisions due to the study group's incomplete analysis, incorrect assumptions and lack of community input.
- Allowing temporary parking on the east side of the Boulton Parkette for Mabin School is officially gifting one of two public use traffic lanes to a private institution. Further, we are not confident parking limits here can be enforced. The current system works without formalizing it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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On Behalf of South Hill District Homeowners' Association (1982)