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Hi Stephanie,

I am requesting the the following email be on tomorrow's agenda item 12.1

As an Applewood Hills resident for 50 years and a Bus Driver with Go Transit for over 11 years, I wanted to share my thoughts and work observations to the proposed changes to Bloor Street.

CBC News January 17th, 2023

Vehicle congestion...

Toronto ranks 3rd in North America for congested cities. A 60% jump from 2021.

Toronto ranks 7th out of more then 1000 cities scored in a recent international report.

We are a society that relies on our vehicles to get around.

Our Bloor Street is surrounded by the QEW, 403, 410, 427, 401. These highways are so congested that a new highway 413 has to be built in our protected Greenland to accommodate the volume increase.

This is important to note because it shows us how fortunate we are to have a moving artery for traffic (even during rush hour) along Bloor Street.

The removal of two lanes would drastically change what we have become use to.

It would not maintain or increase traffic flow.

But what about Cyclists?

Well being one, with my family. I can say the East to West path on Burnhamthorpe Road is already established and excellent. Very close by, connecting with paths throughout our parks.

Its away from the road. With the number of distracted drivers I see daily with phones it is essential to keep cyclists away.

It can easily be plowed during the winter months for use.

Cyclist have not been forgotten about, but putting bike lanes on Bloor St and removing active vehicle lanes would bring our community to a crawl.

I feel its important to point out that we live in an established neighborhood. We are not all of a sudden a cyclist neighborhood requiring more bike lanes to get us moving.

We are not a University city such as Guelph, Waterloo or Laurier.

These communities have bike lanes for the hundreds to thousands of students who don't have (or can afford ) vehicles. They use there bikes to get around.

In closing I strongly object to Alternatives 5 & 6.

Thank You,

David Dorosh  
Applewood Hills Resident

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