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To: Chair and Members of General Committee, City of Mississauga
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Subject: Deputation for AGENDA Item 10.5

**Interim Design for the Downtown Cooksville Segment of the Dundas Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
 Mississauga East Project and Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) note to file (Ward 7)**

Dear Members of General Council,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments on the staff recommendation report cited above.

Given the long-term time frame required to achieve the ultimate 42 metre wide planned Dundas St. right-of-way, the Interim Design proposal for the Cooksville Segment as shown in the subject report is a reasonable transitional condition and should be supported by Council.

The reduction of traffic lanes is an important strategy in guiding residents to consider alternative means of accessing the Cooksville community including the planned Bus Rapid Transit line, walking, cycling, and other means such as car-sharing and taxi services.

The Interim Design sends a clear message to residents that a more urban form of walkable community is emerging in Cooksville, one that features broad pleasant walkways with convenient access to services and facilities.

This Interim Design honours the **City's Strategic Plan**, specifically the ***Pillar for Change, Developing a Transit-Oriented City*** with the following Strategic Goal.

Develop Walkable, Connected Neighbourhoods – to develop compact, mixed-use neighbourhoods that will give residents the ability to engage safely in all aspects of their everyday lives, within walking distance and easy access. Evaluate all development and infrastructure projects against a test of “pedestrian-first.”

For these reasons I encourage Council to accept the proposal to limit traffic lanes to one lane in each direction and maximizing the width of the public boulevard for pedestrian passage and comfort as the local resident population increases through development. It is important that Dundas St. transitions to a more pedestrian focused main street as opposed to a car-oriented highway corridor.

The Interim Design is a bold move toward excellent city-building with a view to a better future where community place-making will become the cherished memory of the City.

Respectfully submitted,

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