



Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Infrastructure & Environment Committee
c/o Matthew Green
Toronto City Hall
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Submitted by e-mail to iec@toronto.ca

Dear Deputy Mayor McKelvie & Members of the Infrastructure & Environment Committee:

RE: IE5.4 (Parkside Drive Study Update)

We fully support Safe Parkside's campaign to transform Parkside Drive into a complete street by 2024. Especially given the October 2021 deaths of Valdemar and Fatima Avila, as well as the fact the speed camera on Parkside generated the most speeding tickets for ten consecutive months at over 25,000. This persistent presence of excessive speeding is proof not enough is being done to make this street safer for all road users despite various short-term improvements being done.

We are Community Bikeways; a group formed in May 2020 calling for the quick build of bike lanes along subway lines and busy suburban bus routes to help essential workers get around during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our focus has since shifted to hold city hall accountable, amplify community voices, and hold fun events to promote the causes of road safety and climate action.

Redesigning Parkside Drive to accommodate protected bike lanes and wider sidewalks would provide safe connections to the Waterfront Trail, High Park, and the popular Bloor-Danforth bikeway. We would also encourage city council to extend the complete street treatment north along Keele Street and Weston Road at the earliest opportunity.

Please ensure the process for a safer Parkside Drive is executed as soon as possible. Feel free to reach out should you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Robert Zaichkowski". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a green horizontal line.

Robert Zaichkowski
Community Bikeways (TCBC)

CC: Faraz Gholizadeh (Safe Parkside), Councillor Gord Perks