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VIA EMAIL:

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Dear Councillors Colle and Robinson:

Roe Avenue Bus Loop Used As a Turnaround for Lawrence West Buses

The Lytton Park Residents' Organization has concerns with the TTC using the Roe Loop as a turnaround spot for Lawrence West buses. We concur with the issues raised by the Bedford Park Residents Organization. The TTC has proposed that, due to the upcoming construction of the Lawrence Bus Terminal, Routes 162 West and 124 West would travel an additional 2.3 km beyond their Lawrence Subway Station terminus, turn around in the Roe Bus Loop, and travel back another 2.3 km to Lawrence Station, for approximately 6 months. Given the frequency of these buses, this would entail a bus using the Roe Loop as a turnaround space approximately every 5-10 minutes.

Pedestrian Safety and Increased Congestion. We are concerned about the increased traffic on Lawrence Avenue and Avenue Road, as the city sends buses to the Roe Loop. Buses turning right from Lawrence to Avenue Road will cause additional risk to pedestrian safety and add to traffic congestion at this busy corner. Northbound traffic on Avenue Road from Eglinton to the 401, is already very congested in the afternoon. Adding extra buses turning north off Lawrence to then make a left-turnaround at Roe Loop and another left turn back onto Lawrence Avenue would greatly exacerbate an already grid-locked roadway.

Parkette. Last year the TTC agreed to release the north portion of the loop, as part of the residents' vision of the Avenue Road Study to improve the neighbourhood's green space and tree canopy by converting the derelict Roe Bus Loop into a Parkette. Neighbours recently learned that, instead of releasing the other half of this loop to a community that desperately needs and wants it, the TTC has instead decided to offer it up for the repositioning of bus routes for which it was never intended.

Lack of Consultation. The communication/consultation of this pending change does not seem to have taken place with the community.

Sincerely,

Maureen Kapral

Vice-President, Lytton Park Residents' Organization

The Lytton Park Residents' Organization ("LPRO") is an incorporated non-profit association founded in 1987, representing member households from Lawrence Avenue West to Roselawn and Briar Hill Avenues, Yonge Street to Saguenay and Proudfoot Avenue.

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