



August 22, 2022

TO: Mayor John Tory

RE: Traffic Enforcement on The Esplanade

RECOMMENDATION: Working through Toronto Police Services, implement a sustained and focused traffic enforcement blitz on The Esplanade between Berkeley and Jarvis Streets.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

We are asking for your help!

The new cycling infrastructure recently installed along The Esplanade between Berkeley and Jarvis Streets was the result of significant collaboration between the City and the Community, with support from your office.

The new restrictions on vehicular access along this section of The Esplanade, along with the introduction of *one way* and *bus only* sections has interrupted long standing traffic patterns for residents, but more problematically for commuters trying to get out of the core at the end of the work day.

Routinely, most frequently on weekday afternoons, drivers are ignoring selected turn restrictions, driving through *one way* sections the wrong way, blocking *bus only* routes – paying little or no attention to the new traffic management features that have been introduced into the area.

This sustained behaviour not only reintroduces delays to the transit service on The Esplanade, but adds substantial safety risks for residents, which will increase significantly when children return to the three elementary schools along this stretch of The Esplanade two weeks from now.

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association asks you, on behalf of the Community to implement a sustained traffic enforcement blitz in the area with the objective of changing driver behaviour so that traffic along this section of The Esplanade flows as the street is now designed.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Board of Directors
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