

Hi Jerri-Joanne!

As Chair of the ITCAC Sub-committee for Vision Zero, I would like to request an item for discussion as an added agenda item for the ITCAC Meeting on November 15, 2023.

The item for discussion is the result of the ITCAC Sub-committee meeting which was done virtually yesterday, November 7, 2023. The subject of the meeting was a post-mortem on the English-Queens Avenue intersection which was the subject of lengthy discussions and complaints from the neighborhood concerned and the general public due to the above-normal incidence of accidents there especially after the intersection had undergone improvements recently.

It seems that one of the issues was the restricted field of view of drivers traveling north on English because of a house with a large bush on the southeast corner of the intersection partially blocking their view of incoming vehicles on Queens. Nevertheless, with the provision of lights at this intersection, the issue has become moot and academic. Hopefully, the issue of accidents at this intersection will become a thing of the past. Dan and Ralph both added that there is a process for the construction of an intersection which must follow provincial guidelines. Changes to a particular intersection will be a result of a reaction from the City due to public demands and safety concerns, they added.

The recommendations were for the City Staff to provide us guidelines on how a particular intersection could be improved or changed given that the City is planning improvements on 26 intersections for 2024, with the goal in mind of avoiding a repeat of the English-Queens issue. Another one was the possibility of Ms. Jennie Dann, Director for Infrastructure and Construction, shedding light on the process of improvements done on intersections, what these 26 intersections are in the works, and what improvements are going to be made on them, at either a regular ITCAC meeting or a SC meeting.

ITCAC Sub-committee on Vision Zero Resolution:

The ITCAC requests that the Council direct city staff to present the ITCAC Vision Zero SC with their 2024 intersection improvement plans and to arrange an orientation session on the design standards employed."

For your consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Antonio D. Santiago
Chair, ITCAC Sub-committee on Vision Zero (Road Safety)