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RE: Support for Installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Crosswalk at McLeod Ave.

To the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works

On behalf of the Khalsa Diwan Society Inc, located in close proximity to the intersection of McLeod Ave, we are writing to formally express our support for the installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crosswalk at this location.

The Gurudwara welcomes significant traffic throughout the week from residents across the surrounding neighbourhoods. This includes seniors, children, families, and those with mobility challenges who attend religious services, programs, and langar, which provides free meals to the public. A large number of our members and visitors must cross this intersection on foot to access the Gurudwara. Many have raised a safety concern regarding high traffic volumes and vehicle speed and believe that this intersection has limited pedestrian visibility. This creates unsafe crossing conditions.

McLeod Avenue is a busy and active street, as it is surrounded by many businesses, restaurants, and services. Throughout the day there are high volumes of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The current crosswalk makes it challenging for pedestrians to cross safely, particularly during the peak hours of evenings and weekends when activity in the area is highest.

There are ongoing concerns regarding pedestrian visibility and driver awareness. Many pedestrians, specifically seniors, need additional time and clear right of way to cross safely. Children are shorter, less visible to drivers, and are less observant of oncoming traffic. A clearly marked and highly visible pedestrian crossing with flashing lights would significantly improve safety in our community.

Installing the new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) crosswalk would be a practical and effective way to improve safety. It will ensure that everyone crossing will be visible to drivers and can cross with ease of mind. Since RRFBs have been proven to significantly improve driver yielding behavior and pedestrian visibility, we believe this upgrade would greatly enhance safety for everyone using this crossing.

We respectfully request that the Public Works Committee give favourable consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

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