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CAA and ORBA release 2009 Top 20 Worst Roads list

Toronto, ON – Steeles Avenue has once again been named the worst road in Ontario.

The Canadian Automobile Association and Ontario Road Builders' Association released their Top 20 Worst Roads list for 2009 today. This year close to 10,000 people voted for the road, highway or bridge in their community they wanted to see get fixed.

"This is the highest number of votes we've ever seen in the seven years of this campaign," said Faye Lyons, external relations specialist for CAA South Central Ontario. "For the first time, we've also seen almost half the roads on the list come from the City of Toronto."

"Substandard roads and bridges increase the damage done to vehicles and costs to families and businesses," said Rob Bradford, executive director Ontario Road Builders' Association. "Properly maintained roads and bridges also mean fewer injuries and deaths, reduced environmental impact, enhanced economic competitiveness and reduced life-cycle costs to taxpayers."

The 2009 Top 20 Worst Roads list in Ontario is as follows:

1. Steeles Avenue – City of Toronto
2. Ritson Road – City of Oshawa
3. Burlington Street – City of Hamilton
4. Palmer Road – City of Belleville
5. Finch Avenue – City of Toronto
6. Dufferin Street – City of Toronto
7. Carling Avenue – City of Ottawa
8. Vermillion Lake Road – City of Greater Sudbury
9. Lawrence Avenue – City of Toronto
10. St. Clair Avenue – City of Toronto
11. Riverside Drive – City of Ottawa
12. Brock Street – City of Kingston
13. Victoria Park Avenue – City of Toronto
14. Regent Street – City of Greater Sudbury
15. Highway 401 – (Province of Ontario – Greater Toronto Area stretch)
16. Wharncliffe/Western Road – City of London
17. Wellington Street – City of St. Thomas
18. Kingston Road – City of Toronto
19. Denistoun Street – City of Welland
20. Eglinton Avenue – City of Toronto

CAA and ORBA officials are available for comment and interviews. Please contact Edyta Zdancewicz to arrange interviews at (905) 771-3194 or (416) 209-4930.

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