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TO: Toronto Cycling Committee, Toronto Pedestrian Committee

FROM: Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21, St. Paul's West

CC: Yvonne Bambrick, Executive Director, Toronto Cyclists Union

RE: Changes to Driver's Education Manual

DATE: August 6, 2009

I understand that the provincial Driver's Education manual has not been revised in several years.

We are seeing a significant "modal shift" in how we use and share our roads here in Toronto. As Vice Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission and as an advocate for both pedestrians and cyclists, it is clear to me that drivers in this province need to be better educated about the transportation realities in Toronto and be better equipped to share the roads with pedestrians, cyclists, and public transit vehicles.

I therefore request that your committee request staff to review recommendations to the province on amendments and alterations to the Driver's Education Manual to better educate drivers on sharing the road with cyclists, pedestrians, and public transit vehicle with an eye toward a safer and more inclusive road environment for all users.

Sincerely,

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