

Public Works Committee  
City Hall  
Toronto

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Dear Committee

The Eglinton Park Residents' Association (EPRA) joined early in the discussion of the future of Eglinton. We held two very lively public meetings back in 2011, addressed by Gil Peñalosa of 8-80, and those meetings helped to set off the discussion that led to the foundation of Eglinton Connects. Our Residents' Association is at the intersection of Yonge and Eglinton, in the northwest quadrant, and we watch the building of the LRT with great interest. Already, we can feel its impact in the changing patterns of development at our crowded intersection.

From the start, EPRA has championed the redesign of the whole of Eglinton from end to end, with good shopping, good cycling, and a good pedestrian environment to make a healthy city for active living, and we see this as a very good moment to secure the Avenue's future as a major piece of Toronto's fabric. For that reason, we keenly advocate your deciding to remake the whole of Eglinton, not just the zones near the new stations, but the stretches in between. Without that crucial step, the reform will be disconnected pending later funding (if ever) and the cycle route will function badly. I write this both as chair of our RA and as a habitual urban cyclist who uses the city streets to shop, to commute to work, and to conduct my life.

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Regards,

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