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RE: IE10:12 Eglinton Connects Streetscape Improvements

Dear Mayor Tory and members of City Council,

Cycle Don Valley Midtown is the cycling advocacy group for Wards 15 and 16, in liaison with Cycle Toronto. Eglinton Connects Streetscape Improvements will bring wider sidewalks and protected bike lanes to our area, providing transit users with “last mile” transportation between stations and their final destination, and a much-needed east/west safe cycling corridor across midtown.

As a result, we strongly support the Infrastructure and Environment Committee’s recommendation that “City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in the first quarter of 2020 on a strategy to accelerate design work on the Eglinton Connects Streetscape Improvements to align with the opening of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, including a plan to coordinate with Metrolinx any construction between stations along Eglinton Avenue” ([IE10.12](#)).

We have been concerned for some time that the implementation of Eglinton Connects Streetscape would not coincide with the planned opening of the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit (LRT) and would be staggered, with the sections between the stations constructed after the LRT has opened. Not only would this be unsafe for pedestrians and people on bikes, it would also detract from what should be a celebratory opening of a transformational transit project. Further, this would erode confidence in the City’s ability to deliver construction projects in a sensible and timely manner as residents and businesses would understandably be upset at the

reintroduction of roadway construction after the promised completion date.

Eglinton Crosstown LRT and Eglinton Connects Streetscape Improvements will work hand-in-glove to support midtown's increased density by moving more people safely across midtown than ever before in a manner that helps relieve traffic congestion and advances the City's achievement of its climate change goals. We trust that City Council will support the Infrastructure and Environment Committee's recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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