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Dear Chair James Pasternak and Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Re: IEC6.11 – Cycling Network Plan Update

The Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA) is a non-profit volunteer organization comprised over 30 member organizations. We are responding to the update to the 2016 Cycling Network Plan.

We understand the City has split the former plan into a near-term implementation plan (2019-2021) and a long-term plan (2022+). Given the urgency of these matters, we are requesting:

1. that the study for the multi-modal access between Midtown and Downtown be accelerated from 2021 to 2H/2019; and
2. that an implementation plan and funding strategy for the Eglinton Connects streetscape improvements be developed, so that construction can be meaningfully underway by 2021.

At the City Council meeting of July 2018 as part of the agenda item PG31.7 (Midtown in Focus Plan), City Council requested the Chief Planner and Executive Director :

*“to study multi-modal access between Midtown and Downtown, including identifying north-south corridors for improved surface transit priority routes and for dedicated cycling facilities, and bring forward recommended additions to the Midtown cycling network, including the feasibility, timing and cost of dedicated cycling facilities, as part of the 10 Year Cycling Network Plan update.” and “to provide an interim report to City Council through the Planning and Growth Management Committee **in the second quarter of 2019** on the Infrastructure Implementation Strategies”*

Our request to accelerate the study is especially important considering the increasing pressures on the Yonge Line 1 capacity.

Regarding an implementation plan and funding strategy for the Eglinton Connects streetscape and cycle tracks design and project cost estimates, the City currently has \$2.5 million funded. Since the funding is in place, we would propose that the planning work start as soon as possible, so that construction can be meaningfully underway by 2021.

Respectfully submitted.

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