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Re: IE18.1 - North York Centre - REImagine Yonge as a Complete Street

To: James Pasternak, Chair, and members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Cycle Don Valley Midtown is the ward advocacy group for Cycle Toronto in Ward 15 and Ward 16. We are keenly interested in seeing Yonge Street operate as a complete street and support the recommendations of City staff for Yonge Street as outlined in IE18:1: REImagine Yonge.

As the staff report notes, the reimagined street would be much safer (more than 159 pedestrians and cyclists were struck along this stretch of Yonge in the past decade). It would also support the 1,800 local businesses, barely impact drivers' travel time, and allow the more than 100,000 nearby residents to safely walk along Yonge, the heart of their community. Toronto Public Health also endorses this proposal for supporting the long-term health of Torontonians.

As is the case elsewhere on Yonge Street, people who live nearby, and those who visit, want a public space where everyone can move around safely and enjoy the local amenities. We urge you to support the recommendations in IE18.1, not only for the benefit of the people who live and work near Yonge in North York, but for everyone in our city.

Respectfully,

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