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To: <u>Infrastructure and Environment</u>

Subject: My comments for 2020.IE18.1 on December 1, 2020 Infrastructure and Environment Committee

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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the December 1, 2020 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2020.IE18.1, North York Centre - REimagining Yonge (Sheppard to Finch) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

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Comments:

I write representing the group Doctors for Safe Cycling, a collection of over 100 physicians working in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). We wanted to express our support for the Reimagining Yonge proposal. The proposed plan has the potential to greatly increase the physical health and mental wellbeing of this community. By making streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists, the City of Toronto would be providing infrastructure that can save lives and prevent morbidity from motor vehicle related injury. Furthermore, this infrastructure encourages individuals to choose active transportation options that have the potential to help prevent chronic illnesses like diabetes, cardiovascular disease, depression, and anxiety. As physicians, we hope to be able to promote active transportation options to our patients with the assurance of knowing that there are safe spaces in the GTA for our patients to engage in those activities. We hope that the City recognizes the importance of this infrastructure and moves to support the REimagining Yonge proposal.

Sincerely,

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