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Attention: Matthew Green
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RE: IE 23.18 Don Mills Crossing Environmental Assessment and Eglinton Crosstown Wynford Stop Pedestrian Access (Ward 16)

Dear Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, Chair, and Members, Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Cycle Don Valley Midtown is the cycling advocate for Wards 15 and 16, in liaison with Cycle Toronto. Our comments are related to the EA for a crossover of the CP rail line to connect the Don Mills Trail with the development underway in the NW quadrant of Don Mills and Eglinton.

Pedestrian/cycling bridge over CPR: The EA of the CP Rail line crossover has concluded that a ramped approach with bridge is the best solution. We support this recommendation for its functional design and are pleased to see that there will be continued discussion of the “aesthetic” aspects of the bridge and ramps during the detailed design process. We are also encouraged that feedback provided through the virtual consultation will be considered during the detailed design process; specifically, further separation of cyclists and pedestrians, particularly at the ramp exit and connection to the separated cycling/walking facilities of the future Wynford Drive extension.

Don Mills Trail connection to Leslie Street: We appreciate that the connection from the Don Mills Trail to Leslie Street can be “secured over time through the development approvals process” and urge the City to recognize this as a high-value connection and give it appropriate priority.

Connection to E. T. Seton Park: We also understand that the connection from the future Wynford Drive extension south to E.T. Seton Park and the West Don Trail (as noted in the 2019 Don Mills Crossing Mobility Plan Study -MPS) is in detailed design, with construction anticipated to start later this year. This will enable a continuous north/south safe cycling corridor for both commuter and recreational cyclists between York Mills Road and the Lakeshore.

All of the above improvements to the cycling network in our community are of keen interest to our members. As such, we request that Cycle Don Valley Midtown be included among the local stakeholders for all consultations.

Respectfully submitted,

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