

January 9, 2021

Infrastructure and Environment Committee
City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

RE: IE19.11 yongeTOMorrow - Municipal Class Environmental Assessment on Yonge Street from Queen Street to College/Carlton Street

Cycle Toronto Spadina-Fort York wishes to express its support for the staff recommended option for the yongeTOMorrow Environmental Assessment (EA) on Yonge Street.

Cycle Toronto Spadina-Fort York is a local ward advocacy group representing residents of Ward 10 - Spadina-Fort York in Toronto.

We are pleased to see that the yongeTOMorrow design takes into consideration both a range of mobilities and a range of uses for the street, and promotes decreased vehicular traffic. Quieter streets with more space for pedestrians on the sidewalk will make a safer cycling environment, even without the addition of dedicated cycle lanes. Nevertheless, we are very pleased to note that a dedicated cycling lane has been proposed between College Street and Gerrard Street and are optimistic about the potential of the design to accommodate and permit people riding bicycles throughout the pedestrian-priority areas. We appreciate the flexibility of the design and look forward to seeing how the design will be refined over the coming months and years. We applaud the City for taking the necessary steps to modernize this vital core neighbourhood and make it more accessible and safe for all.

Thank you for your consideration and your time.

Sincerely,

Claire Duxbury, Ward Leader
Cycle Toronto Spadina-Fort York