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**HL23.6 Active Transportation Demonstration Projects** 

Dear Chair Joe Mihevc and Members of the Board of Health Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT), a project of Clean Air Partnership. TCAT conducts research and education that supports a vision for cities that are safe, convenient, and enjoyable communities to walk and bike.

I would like to express the support of TCAT for HL23.6 Active Transportation Demonstration Projects. This project presents an opportunity to help engage citizens in the planning process for active transportation above and beyond regular requirements. This will result in a more meaningful process to engage Torontonians and will help Toronto Public Health collect local knowledge to inform the active transportation planning process.

TCAT is leading the community engagement on two of the four sites (Black Creek and the Annex) identified under the Active Transportation Demonstration Projects. This work is funded by the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer through its "Healthy Canada by Design" Coalition Linking Action and Science for Prevention program (<a href="http://hcbd-clasp.com/">http://hcbd-clasp.com/</a>). This is a national initiative with a diversity of partners working on breaking down barriers to help facilitate active transportation uptake in cities across the country.

TCAT looks forward to reporting back on the results of our engagement process and to assisting the City of Toronto in identifying and overcoming barriers to active transportation.

Sincerely,

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