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City of Toronto Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
Toronto City Hall
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Sent via e-mail wic@toronto.ca

Dear Committee Members:

Re: Eglinton Connects Study

It gives me great pleasure to add my support to the **Eglinton Connects Study**. I applaud the vision behind the study and its emphasis on improving the streetscape of Eglinton through its themes of Building Eglinton, Greening Eglinton and Travelling Eglinton. I support wholeheartedly that "Eglinton will become Toronto's central east-west avenue – a green, beautiful linear space that supports residential living, employment, retail and public uses in a setting of community vibrancy. Its design will balance all forms of mobility and connect neighbourhoods and natural valley systems to the larger city and the region."

In particular, the planners' recommendations using the "Complete Streets" approach in remaking Eglinton to be safe for all users, including wider sidewalks, reduced crossing distances, protected bike lanes, and a major focus on walkability is critical to all residents, but especially to the children and their families.

As a public school trustee and as a parent was instrumental in piloting "Safe Routes to School" in the early 1990's, having the infrastructure to support "active transportation" – walking and biking to school is critically important. I am especially proud of the secondary students who participated in the consultation.

I look forward to the City's next steps on the details as you continue with your decision-making and implementation planning

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shelley Laskin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc. Councillor Josh Matlow, Ward 22
Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21
John Taranu, Board of Directors, Cycle Toronto