

April 7, 2014

Public Works and Infrastructure Committee 10th floor, West Tower, City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2 Attention: Candy Davidovits, Committee Administrator

RE: <u>PW 30.7 Eglinton Connects: Environmental Assessment Study</u>

Dear Chair and Members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee:

This is to express the support of Cycle 26, a community-based cycling advocacy group in Ward 26, for the cycling infrastructure included in the Recommended Design for the 11-kilometre stretch between Black Creek Drive and Brentcliffe Road.

• A continuous raised bicycle lane (at sidewalk level) in each direction

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to follow the example of other world-class cities such as Paris, New York and London and support a modern cycling infrastructure along Eglinton for generations to come. When implemented, the recommended infrastructure will support existing cyclists, encourage new cyclists, and make cycling for multiple purposes safe for people of all ages. It will bring cycling into the mainstream, reducing pressure from resource-heavy transportation options such as driving and public transportation, and improving the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this initiative and the recommendations.

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c.c. Councillor John Parker
Jared Kolb, Executive Director, Cycle Toronto
Dan Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure