April 8, 2014

RE: PW 30.7 – Eglinton Connects – Environmental Assessment Study

Dear Chairman Minnan-Wong and Members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT), a project of the registered charity Clean Air Partnership. TCAT’s mission is to advance knowledge and evidence to build support for safe and inclusive streets for walking and cycling.

At your meeting on the 9th of April you will address a staff report that outlines several recommendations pertaining to the “Eglinton Connects Study”, specifically for a new roadway configuration for the section of Eglinton where the LRT will move underground.

I would like to express the support of TCAT for the recommended design that includes a continuous raised bicycle lane, wide sidewalks, more pedestrian controlled crossings, reduced crossing distances for pedestrians, and enhancements to the public realm including large trees and bike parking.

This is a significant opportunity to create a “Complete Street” that will be safe, accessible and enjoyable for everyone. We applaud the City of Toronto for its excellent planning work to date on Eglinton and very much look forward to the completion of this important city-building project.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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