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EX26.1.2

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EX26.1 - Proposed King Street Transit Pilot

Dear Mayor Tory and members of Executive Committee

I am writing on behalf of Cycle Toronto regarding EX26.1. We are pleased to see the proposed designs to improve transit service on King Street through the downtown core. Cycle Toronto has met with City staff several times to review the King Street Pilot from a cycling perspective and we are supportive of City staff's approach and the current proposed street layout.

We're thrilled to see that cyclists will be exempt from right-turning loops and that they will be able to travel through all intersections. However, we have three primary topics of concern.

First, transition zones near right-turn channels at intersections pose a higher risk for collisions involving cyclists. We understand City staff will continue work on these transition zones in the detailed design phase of the pilot. This is a must and will be critical to create a safe passageway for cyclists.

Secondly, there's a need for cyclist-specific signal heads at intersections where there is currently only paint and signage but we understand that these may be implemented in a later phase as the pilot evolves.

Thirdly, we're also concerned about motor vehicle volume diverting to Richmond/Adelaide which is a key cycling corridor. We've met with staff about filling a significant gap in the Adelaide cycle tracks between York and Victoria and believe this must be a key priority to improving cycling safety on that street because increasing traffic volumes also increase the risk of collisions.

Given the nature of a pilot project, other cyclist-focused design elements (various pavement marking strategies, for example) may be timely additions to the pilot study at a future time if the pilot is successful over the medium- to long-term.

Staff have committed to continue working on incorporating cycling considerations as the detailed design stage progresses and we look forward to continued involvement over the coming months.

Overall, we're cautiously optimistic that the King Street Pilot will be a small step forward for cycling and a big leap forward for transit in Toronto. We hope to contribute our vocal support once design details have been established and urge members of Executive



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Committee and City Council to approve this project to help get Toronto moving.

Sincerely,

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Cycle Toronto is a diverse, member-supported organization that advocates for a healthy, safe, cycling-friendly city for all and currently represents over 2,700 Torontonians.