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Mayor Tory and Members of City Council;

Please be advised that the Bloor Street East Neighbourhood Association (BENA) supports the Staff Report and recommendations in the previously submitted letter from FONTRA as attached to this email.

Our reasons for our support are as follows:

1. We support the safety of all modes of transportation and especially the most vulnerable on our street; pedestrians and cyclists. As such the option best supports the "Zero Vision" for pedestrian fatalities.
2. Our footprint occupies a portion of Bloor Street and from experience, we do not believe providing a parallel alternate route for cyclists will move a sufficient number of them off of Yonge Street to provide safe passage.
3. The intensification of residents in the area needs unification into a community not barriers to a cohesive community. We struggle constantly with integrating the new growth into communities that are proud to be Torontonians.

Regards;

Linda A Brett, President, BENA on behalf of BENA

bcc BENA Executive

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RE: PW27.1 REimagining Yonge (Sheppard to Finch) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

This is to request that you do not approve the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee recommendation, and instead approve the staff recommendation to support *Transform Yonge*.

The *Transform Yonge* alternative would support a vibrant public realm for downtown North York, that is supported by a majority of local residents. The street hasn't been reconstructed since the 1970s—this is a once-in-a-50-year opportunity to dramatically improve Yonge Street as a complete street and a people place.

With 14 fatal collisions having already occurred on Toronto streets this year, there is no more time to wait to transform our streets into places where people of all ages and abilities can get around safely. This is the perfect opportunity to show that Toronto is serious about Vision Zero.

There is widespread and growing realization that this option makes sense for downtown North York's central corridor. Please vote to transform Yonge from a dangerous six-lane road into a four-lane main street.

Yours truly,

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**The Federation of North Toronto Residents' Associations (FoNTRA)** is a non-profit, volunteer organization comprised of over 30 member organizations. Its members, all residents' associations, include at least 170,000 Toronto residents within their boundaries. The residents' associations that make up FoNTRA believe that Ontario and Toronto can and should achieve better development. Its central issue is not *whether* Toronto will grow, but *how*. FoNTRA believes that sustainable urban regions are characterized by environmental balance, fiscal viability, infrastructure investment and social renewal.