



PW27.1.305

February 26, 2018

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West Toronto,
ON M5H 2N2

Attention: Nancy Martins, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee (sent by email)

RE: PW26.6 RE-imagining Yonge (Sheppard to Finch) Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

Dear Chair Jaye Robinson and Members, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

The ABC Residents Association is a not for profit federally regulated community organization representing the interests of residents in the geographic area bounded by Bloor Street to the south, the CPR tracks to the north, Yonge Street to the east and Avenue Road to the west.

We wish to make you aware of our support for the staff recommendation option to “Transform Yonge” (recommended in Stage 1, and now reaffirmed in Stage 2).

We note the study that included wide consultation with area business and residents has taken an evidence-based approach to transforming Yonge Street in North York Centre. The REimagining Yonge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study finds that “Transform Yonge” rather than the alternative “Enhance Yonge and Transform Beecroft” better supports the objectives of the study based on the evaluation criteria and measures developed, and can be implemented at a lower cost, and with less disruption to the North York Centre.

We agree that this proposed North York transformation, with its’ enhanced bicycle access, pedestrian access including safer access for children, seniors and those with disabilities and will support the objectives of the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan. It will provide the best support for jobs, housing, and services by introducing additional pedestrian and cyclist amenities and public realm enhancements that would make the Yonge Street corridor an attractive neighbourhood and destination at the heart of downtown North York.

Respectfully

John Caliendo & Ian Carmichael
Co Presidents, ABC Resident’s Association.

Cc: Mayor John Tory
Councillor John Fillion, Ward 23
Councillor David Shiner, Ward 24
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