October 1, 2019

Toronto City Council and Mayor Tory
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St W, 2nd Floor
Toronto, ON  M5H 2N2

Dear Toronto City Council and Mayor Tory,

Re: TE8.72 Implementing Increased Cyclist Protection at Dundas and Jones

I am writing on behalf of Cycle Toronto, a member-supported not-for-profit organization that works to make Toronto a healthy, safe and vibrant cycling city for all. Our organization is focused on advocacy, education and encouragement, as we work to shape policy and infrastructure, and build community to transform our city’s cycling culture. We engage a diversity of people in our work, pursuing evidence-based solutions that make cycling a viable option for all Torontonians. We represent 3,000 members.

Cycle Toronto supports the initiative to improve the intersection of Dundas Avenue and Jones Avenue. We support the city-wide installation of protected intersections and were pleased to see Councillor Fletcher’s request to include this intersection in the consideration.

Transportation Services’ review of the intersection has provided a number of short-term solutions, including:

- Installation of flexible bollards or planters between the cycle lane and traffic
- Vehicular stop-bar setbacks
- Lane narrowing
- Prohibition of right-turn on a red signal in all directions at the intersection of Dundas Street East and Jones Avenue
- Minor adjustments to TTC bus stop locations

Cycle Toronto recommends pursuing all of the identified solutions, and in addition, ensuring the safety of all road users through physical separation. We recommend using pre-cast concrete curbs mounted with bollards to separate the bike lane from the travel lane. Any physical separation should extend to the intersection to reinforce the separation between traffic lane and bicycle lane.

We look forward to future improvements to the Dundas Ave and Jones Ave bike lanes to ensure safety for all road users throughout the bike lane and at intersections.
Sincerely,

Keagan Gartz, Interim Executive Director
Cycle Toronto