



October 28, 2019

Attention: Marilyn Toft
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RE: IE8:10 Pedestrian Crossing – Moore Avenue at the Beltline Trail

Dear Mayor Tory and members of City Council,

Cycle Don Valley Midtown is the cycling advocate for Wards 15 and 16, in liaison with Cycle Toronto.

We strongly support the Infrastructure and Environment Committee's recommendation that City Council approve a signalized pedestrian crossing at Moore Avenue and the Beltline Trail. This is not only an improvement for the safety of pedestrians and recreational cyclists. It will also afford additional options for those who travel by bike to get to work and school, and to run errands by safely connecting the routes through Mount Pleasant Cemetery to the bike lanes on Moore Avenue for east/west travel, and to the sharrows on Welland Avenue and the Mud Creek/Beltline Trail for people heading south.

However, it is vital that this crossing recognize the presence of both cyclists and pedestrians in its design. We encourage the City to model this crossing after the well-used [Bike/Pedestrian Crossing at Lawrence Avenue East and the Don Mills Trail](#), which features separate crossing lanes for people on bikes and people on foot, providing clear direction to users and minimizing conflicts.

As the trail is frequented by families with children and seniors, we would expect that the curb design on both the north and south sides of Moore Avenue reflect the needs of all ages and abilities and conform to the standards outlined in Toronto's Complete Streets Guidelines. In addition, the trail is well-used during

winter months and snow clearing operations should ensure that snowbanks created by the clearing of Moore Avenue do not block entrances to the trail.

We appreciate that Transportation Services proposed this much-needed crossing and that the Infrastructure and Environment Committee recommended it. We trust that City Council will give it their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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c.c. Councillor Jaye Robinson
Councillor Mike Layton
Barbara Gray, General Manager, Transportation Services