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

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Council,

RE: PH13.3 Official Plan Review: Transportation - Recommended Official Plan Amendment

Cycle Toronto supports the strengthening of transportation-related policies proposed in Official Plan Amendment 456.

We are pleased that the City of Toronto Official Plan will now include comprehensive policies related to the integration with land use, complete streets, and active transportation. These policies will:

- direct the use of a “Complete Streets” design philosophy to consider the needs of all users and uses of the right-of-way for both cyclists (s. 2.4.14.(b)(v))
- strengthen the provisions related to expanding the Cycling Network (s. 2.4.14)
- strengthen the provisions protecting pedestrians, such as by requiring adequate crossing time for pedestrians at signalized crossings (s. 2.4.17(e))
- introduce parking measures to encourage sustainable and active mobility choices, including:
 - policies to increase bicycle parking requirements near higher-order transit stations, which will help reinforce the potential of “last mile” trips from transit stations (s. 2.4.14(d)(i)), which is particularly impactful in suburban neighbourhoods
 - policies encouraging retrofitting of existing buildings and facilities (s. 2.4.14.(d)(ii)), which addresses many buildings that are not captured by bicycle parking rates in zoning by-laws

We believe these changes will do much to incorporate and normalise the benefits of cycling in transportation and land use planning and operations.





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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Longfield".

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