



The Bike Brigade
926 College Street
Toronto, ON M6H 1A4
T/F: 647.725.7751
info@bikebrigade.ca
www.bikebrigade.ca

June 7, 2021

Toronto City Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
councilmeeting@toronto.ca

Dear Mayor Tory and City Councillors,

RE: IE22.15 Regulatory Clarity for Cargo E-bikes

We are writing in support of by-law amendments to allow larger cargo bikes and pedelec cargo e-bikes on city streets, bike lanes, cycle tracks, and multi-use paths. We support allowing cargo e-bikes up to 120kg, and accelerating recommendations around larger pedal-powered bikes.

We were pleased to see the Council adopt IE14.11 last year, and take the first steps to reimaging urban freight.

We know the potential of using cycling to move goods in Toronto. Since the start of the pandemic, the Bike Brigade community - now 900 volunteers - has delivered over 10,000 hot meals and 7,000 food boxes by bikes and trikes to address food insecurity. We've ridden thousands of kilometers and reduced up to 7 tonnes (CO₂) GHG emissions by replacing vehicles with bikes. Many of those deliveries were made by cargo bikes.

Allowing larger cargo e-bikes would give more people the option to use bikes to carry bigger loads, travel greater distances, and continue to reduce dependency on cars and trucks. It would also ease traffic congestion, meet our TransformTO climate action goals, and make our streets safer by addressing Vision Zero road safety goals.

The success of ActiveTO Major Road Closures and accelerating the cycling network have confirmed the appetite for more people to choose to ride bikes. E-bikes and cargo e-bikes can help provide more mobility options to more Torontonians.



The Bike Brigade
926 College Street
Toronto, ON M6H 1A4
T/F: 647.725.7751
info@bikebrigade.ca
www.bikebrigade.ca

Ultimately, we want to see regulations around all types of e-bikes harmonized across the province and the country for industry and consumer clarity, and support from all three levels of government help subsidise the purchase of e-bikes and cargo e-bikes. And most importantly we need the city of Toronto to continue expanding our network of safe cycling infrastructure to make riding a bike a better option for more people.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Longfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Longfield
Volunteer - Logistics
The Bike Brigade

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel Wang". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rachel Wang
Executive Director
The Bike Brigade