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Mayor John Tory and Toronto City Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
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Dear Mayor Tory and City Councillors,

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

Cycle Toronto proudly co-signed [Pembina Institute's letter](#) dated July 8, 2020 to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee along with UPS Canada, Purolator, and Fresh City Farms supporting regulatory clarity to allow pedal assist e-cargo cycles. E-cargo cycles can reduce congestion, make our streets safer, cleaner, and greener, and allow businesses to operate more efficiently.

Cycle Toronto supports the motion to:

- Continue to allow e-cargo cycles in Toronto in bike lanes and cycle tracks.
- Amend the *City of Toronto Municipal Code* by broadening the definitions of bicycles and vehicles to include: "cargo power-assisted bicycle with a continuous rated output power not exceeding 500 watts and weighing not more than 120 kilograms unladen,"
- Ensure this amendment take place in relevant sections including sections:
 - 886-1C
 - 950-101B
 - 950-201B
 - 950-201C
 - 950-201E
- Request that the City Solicitor ask that provincial bodies make according updates to the *Provincial Offences Act*, and to clarify wording for the purposes of implementing these policies within the City of Toronto.
- Develop a proposed regulatory framework for micromobility with a report back in Q4 of 2021.

We look forward to seeing e-cargo cycles on our streets, whether used by families, by couriers and urban freight, or for first- and last-mile logistical trips. E-cargo cycles can be a game changer both downtown and in the inner suburbs. Shifting to zero emissions deliveries while providing the

flexibility of a bicycle will be a boon for businesses and consumers.

Toronto can be a leader in creating a more sustainable urban freight sector.

Let's keep this momentum going.



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Cycle Toronto is a charitable organization representing 3,000 members that is advocating for Toronto to become a safe, healthy, and vibrant cycling city for all.

