

Mar 21, 2021

Infrastructure and Environment Committee
City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

On behalf of Cycle Toronto's University-Rosedale (Ward 11) ward group, we fully support the staff recommendation to build a complete street bikeway on Yonge St. from Bloor St. to Davisville Ave. We also support extending this transformation further north to connect to additional important destinations along Yonge.

Yonge St. runs right through the middle of Ward 11 and it features numerous important destinations that hundreds of cyclists from our ward access regularly. A safe, protected bike lane along Yonge St., like the one proposed by city staff, will close a large gap in our cycling network.

Making Yonge St. into a complete street will offer a much-needed boost to our main street businesses. After this winter's tough lockdown, bringing back CaféTO's on-street patios to Yonge and ensuring that local residents can safely support their favourite local businesses is more important than ever. By providing a safer and more vibrant streetscape for everyone to enjoy, this project will be an important investment in the local community.

The huge success of last year's ActiveTO and CaféTO projects, particularly "Destination Danforth", gives me confidence more projects like this will work well. I am counting on your support in bringing this extraordinary project to all of Midtown Yonge.

Regards,

Ethan Chiddicks, on behalf of Cycle Toronto University-Rosedale