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Infrastructure and Environment Committee
10th floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: IE21.18 Supporting Precarious Delivery Workers and Bike Couriers in Toronto

Dear Members of Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Cycle Toronto is supportive of providing space for couriers, including bike couriers, to stop safely and legally when making deliveries. Increasing bicycle parking in high-delivery areas in Toronto will support many of our city's bike couriers that deliver a variety of goods.

Further, if a special permit for temporary parking in a 'no parking zone' is introduced, the safety of all couriers, including bike couriers, could be maintained by ensuring the **permit does not allow for obstructing accessible parking spaces, bike lanes, cycle tracks, multi-use trails, or any other kinds of cycling infrastructure.**

To further protect these vulnerable workers, Cycle Toronto recommends that **dedicated courier, pick-up and drop-off spaces that do not interfere with safe cycling are implemented along busy commerce corridors.** Most of Toronto's main streets permit ample on-street parking but provide insufficient space for loading and deliveries. Reallocating some existing on-street space to short-term deliveries, pick-ups, and drop-offs would help to reduce conflicts in bike lanes and in car travel lanes alike. The city has successfully incorporated loading and stopping zones while maintaining safe and separated bikeways on streets such as Danforth Avenue and Bloor Street West. We support the continued installation of bikeways that accommodate delivery and loading zones along main streets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keagan Gartz".

Keagan Gartz
Executive Director