



October 25, 2021

RE: IE25.17 – Creating the East Toronto Railpath

To: Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, Chair, and members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee

As the ward advocacy group for Cycle Toronto in Ward 15 and Ward 16, we are writing to voice our support for the exploration of the creation of the East Toronto Railpath, including the iconic “Half-Mile Bridge”. The addition of this active transportation corridor will link neighbourhoods to the north and east with destinations like Evergreen Brickworks and the Distillery District, as well as connect to existing trails and on-road cycle tracks for emissions-free travel around the city. Furthermore it will augment the world-class trails and bikeways in development, such as the East Don Trail, the Meadoway and the new Don River Park in the Portlands, enhancing Toronto’s appeal for both visitors and residents as a vibrant urban oasis. This is an exciting opportunity not to be missed.

Respectfully,

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