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Mayor John Tory and Toronto City Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
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RE: IE 26.16 TransformTO - Critical Steps for Net Zero by 2040

Dear Mayor Tory and members of City Council,

Thank you for your leadership and for the progress we have made toward offering healthy, affordable, and zero-emission transportation options during the pandemic. This TransformTO report is an important framework that will make Toronto a more sustainable city.

Cycle Toronto supports the adoption of the TransformTO Net Zero by 2040 report and specifically applauds the following targets which are aligned with our efforts at advocating for an expansion of safe bike infrastructure across the city:

- 75% of school/work trips under 5 km are walked, biked, or by transit by 2030
- Encourage the adoption of electric commercial and freight vehicles, including e-bikes for last mile deliveries
- Encourage City staff to take transit, carpool, cycle or walk rather than drive alone to work, through the Smart Commute program
- Expand biking and pedestrian infrastructure, including the rollout of cycling routes, bicycle parking and Bike Share at or near TTC stations

We would like to propose the following additions to support your objectives of moving away from GHG-emitting transportation:

- Explore financial incentives that the City could provide to encourage the uptake of bikes/e-bikes or other transit/active infrastructure, as identified in Attachment A, action #13
- Ensure that complete street designs are considered for all major road rehabilitations

Sincerely,

Keagan Gartz
Executive Director

Cycle Toronto is a member-supported charitable organization that works to make Toronto a healthy, safe and vibrant cycling city for all. We are focused on advocacy, education and encouragement, as we work to shape policy and infrastructure, and build community to transform our city's cycling culture.