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Dear John Tory, Infrastructure Committee & Councillors,

As residents and business owner in the Yonge and Summerhill area since 1999, my husband and I have concerns regarding the long-term sustainability of the pilot bike lane project.

The traffic on Yonge Street since the bike lane pilot in conjunction with CafeTO now makes the street an unviable major artery for vehicles. We are only able to exit our area by car via Yonge Street. The poles/barricades pose a risk to vehicles. Poles have been knocked over by construction, garbage and snow removal vehicles and these cause an additional risk to pedestrians and cyclists.

Also of concern is safety. The placement of the barriers makes it difficult to see pedestrians and cyclists when driving or walking to and from my home and my business. The traffic congestion has increased (see pics attached) and emergency vehicles can't maneuver efficiently with only one lane on Yonge Street each way. As a driver turning onto Yonge, which is our only way to exit from Summerhill, I need to look rigorously, for pedestrians, dogs, strollers and now both ways for cyclists and motorized bikes. It is impossible to do this safely and properly. For example, as I inch my vehicle towards Yonge I can't help but block the bike lanes in order to accommodate pedestrians and effectively make a turn onto Yonge.

Idling vehicles and traffic congestion increase pollution. The higher green house emissions from these idling vehicles are not good for our community nor our environment.

ActiveTO has created confusion and congestion on Yonge Street, especially from St. Clair to Roxborough particularly between Jackes and Marlborough. There are 16 landlocked streets affecting 5,000 residents. In addition, there are approved developments and proposed developments which aim to bring another 10,000 residents between these streets. ActiveTO would be much better situated on Avenue Road where there is no CafeTO.

To support ActiveTO it should be moved to Avenue Road where there is no CafeTO, no big Developments approved or being approved and is 6 lanes of Road.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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