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Attention: Marilyn Toft  
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**RE :IE30.19 Revisiting ActiveTO Interventions on Lake Shore Boulevard West**

Dear Mayor Tory and City Council,

Cycle Don Valley Midtown is the ward advocacy group for Cycle Toronto in Ward 15 and Ward 16. **We strongly support the continuation of ActiveTO major road openings and Cycle Toronto's recommendation to reimagine Lake Shore Blvd. West through traffic calming measures and the creation of a robust, protected bidirectional bike lane by repurposing the two curb lanes.**

ActiveTO major road openings were a lifeline during the pandemic for city residents for safe, outdoor, active movement. They proved to be highly popular and well used, even in 2021 when their availability was inconsistent and not well publicized. Lake Shore Blvd. West was in a class of its own, attracting an average of 22,000 people per weekend opening. As Cycle Toronto proposes, Lake Shore West can be reimaged now and made available to active Torontonians every day by repurposing the two curb lanes into a bidirectional bike lane and providing relief for the over-crowded Martin Goodman Trail.

Not only would this proposal reduce conflicts on the trail and not require the need for paid-duty police officers and traffic agents for weekend openings, it would be the first step towards calming traffic and remaking Lake Shore West as a complete street as part of the long-term Western Waterfront Master plan. The benefits are huge, and accrue to the whole city – as it creates a more accessible waterfront, a better beach and parkland experience and converts Lake Shore West from the “highway beside a highway” that it has become to a grand waterfront boulevard where people can stroll and bike in safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
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