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Dear Mayor Tory,

We are categorially opposed to Yonge Street being one lane only in each direction.

We have witnessed many emergency vehicles having a very difficult time maneuvering behind the stalled or stopped one-lane traffic, particularly when cars or trucks in one lane are attempting to turn into oncoming traffic that further significantly delays traffic - sometimes for three or four additional minutes at each intersection.

We rarely see any bikers in the designated bicycle lanes.

We are extremely concerned about the higher greenhouse gas emissions that are caused by the slow, stalled and stationary cars and trucks on Yonge Street every day and night - all spewing harmful emissions into the atmosphere very close to all retail, office and residential areas.

With 30,000 plus new residential units on or near Yonge Street, one lane on Yonge Street will be a catastrophe for residents in many Toronto neighborhoods.

Let's get to work this month and fix this problem to avert a major climate and emergency response disaster.



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