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Infrastructure and Environment Committee  
City of Toronto  
BY EMAIL ([iec@toronto.ca](mailto:iec@toronto.ca))

**RE: ActiveTO Midtown Pilot for Bicycle Lanes status review March 29, 2022**

We write to you as the Board of Directors representing the interests of the owners at The Jack condominium property located at 6 Jackes Avenue. We wish our position to be recorded as opposed to the permanency of the bicycle lanes on Yonge Street.

We note that we have no record of any survey addressed to us, or our owners, either on the initial project or on its proposal for permanency. As residents with a direct connection to the project area of Yonge Street, we are concerned that we have not been proactively consulted. The Jack condominium is land-locked to Yonge Street, and the bicycle lanes have created serious challenges to our enjoyment of life in the community. Those include:

- Vehicular traffic gridlock at most times, affecting travel.
- An important increase in noise pollution from gridlocked vehicles and slowed EMS vehicles.
- An important increase in carbon exposure for residents and pedestrians.
- Worsened sight lines for vehicles accessing or exiting cross streets.
- A visual and physical deterrent to a business and entertainment centric area, exaggerated in winter months by impediments to snow removal and destruction of many of the bicycle lane components.
- Reduced parking opportunities for area businesses and visitors.
- Dangerous situations created by increased difficulties with snow and ice management.

The reduction of vehicular traffic lanes on one of the most important thoroughfares in the City is surely not a good idea. The municipality has rightly encouraged continued development in the area, with the resulting increase in population. Distances, weather and the historical lack of development in underground public transportation in our city will continue to favor a reliance on private vehicle traffic. If we are to remain a competitive and vibrant city, we need to accept our situation and shortcomings and improve the flow of vehicular traffic, not impede it.

Conversely, anecdotal evidence suggests minimal use of the installed bicycle lanes, and we submit most of the use is through traffic, of little value to the community. We are not against bicycle use (we have numerous users in the property), but there are surely more efficient alternatives to this project that would not so perilously injure our community.

Respectfully,

The Board of Directors  
The Jack Condominium

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