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City of Toronto Infrastructure and Environment Committee (IEC)
c/o Matthew Green, Committee Administrator
10th floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen Street West
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Subject: IE28.7 – LRA Support for ActiveTO Midtown Yonge Pilot

Dear Mayor Tory, IEC Chair McKelvie, and members of the committee,

The Leaside Residents Association (LRA) has been consistently supportive of the midtown Yonge complete street pilot, and supports City staff's recommendation to continue collecting data and improving the corridor until July 2023. We also support a northward extension of the pilot in 2022 to better connect with the new complete street and transit line at Eglinton Avenue.

The Yonge complete street pilot has been a benefit for our community in several ways:

- It has made the street safer for all road users by adding protected bike lanes, curb bumpouts, and traffic calming measures. It has reduced speeding along Yonge Street.
- It has also been a boon to our local businesses that have struggled during the pandemic. Whether the CafeTO on-street patios, the dedicated on-street parking and delivery zones, the public art, or greenery, the complete street project has supported making Yonge, our local main street, a vibrant place again.
- The protected bikeway has supported local residents and visitors in nearby shopping, and given delivery riders a safe way to connect restaurants to their customers.
- It is providing a safe option to commute between midtown and downtown, acting as a “transit safety valve” during the pandemic to provide safe

transport choices as people return to work and school.

Programs like ActiveTO and CafeTO have shown that Toronto can adapt quickly to support local residents, businesses, and our city's economy. We hope that the City will continue to work with local stakeholders to make more adjustments so that the project can work better for everyone.

We ask that you continue to support the midtown Yonge complete street pilot and continue making the improvements and extensions necessary to keep midtown Toronto moving forward.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter,

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