



March 27, 2022

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Attention: Matthew Green
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RE: IE28.7 - Cycling Network Plan - 2022 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - First Quarter and 2021 ActiveTO Cycling Network Expansion Project Updates

Dear Councillor McKelvie, Chair, and Members, Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Cycle Don Valley Midtown is the ward advocacy group for Cycle Toronto in Ward 15 and Ward 16. **We strongly support City staff's recommendation that the ActiveTO Yonge Complete Street pilot be extended to July 2023 and additionally, we request that the pilot area be extended to connect with Eglinton Avenue in 2022.**

As noted in the staff report, the preliminary results indicate that the Yonge Complete Street pilot has been successful on a variety of measures, including improved road safety, shifting travel modes towards active transportation, and helping to revitalize what is the main street for local residents and businesses.

The Yonge Complete Street Pilot is the first north/south protected bikeway serving midtown, allowing people to safely connect with protected bike lanes on the Bloor/Danforth corridor as well as Sherbourne in the east and University Avenue to the west.. This protected connection to the wider cycling network has been a tremendous benefit for our members in midtown and the adjacent neighbourhoods. Extending the Pilot a few blocks north to Eglinton Avenue will further enhance the utility of the project through the creation of a linked network with the complete street and associated bikeway of Eglinton Connects as well as allow more people and businesses to benefit from the project and provide additional points of evaluation.

We understand that there are concerns about the complete street design in certain areas, and hope that the City will continue to work with local stakeholders to ensure that the project can work better for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
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