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Subject: EPRA brief on ActiveTO
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Dear Mayor and Councillors

Please see attached from EPRA – Eglinton Park Residents' Association -- letter in support of the continuance of ActiveTO on Yonge Street.

EPRA is a residents' association located at the northwest corner of Yonge and Eglinton, reaching across to Eglinton Park and north to Roselawn, the park's northern boundary. Our constituents, both house-holders and apartment dwellers, use Yonge Street intensively for work, shopping, and recreation; it is in many ways the spine of our local world, and we love its vitality. We also appreciate, and defend, our local merchants. Over the past two summers, the patio life of the street was a delight to behold.

We know that the quadruple function of Yonge, for vehicles, for bicycles, for commerce, and for civic life, is making many demands on a famous but narrow artery, and hope that, as you work things through, you can satisfy all constituencies.

Tom Cohen
EPRA chair
Cc Shari Lash and Carla Lutchman, both of EPRA



March 28, 2022

Infrastructure and Environment Committee
Attn: Committee Administrator
Toronto City Hall, Floor 10, West Tower
100 Queen Street West
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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 Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

The Eglinton Park Residents' Association (EPRA) has been supportive of the midtown Yonge complete street pilot. **We support Recommendation 16 of IE28.7, for “the continuation of the temporary ActiveTO 2021 Cycling Network Expansion Projects...to July 31, 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.

There is no doubt that COVID-19 has changed the way we live. As the city re-opens, we have concerns about our ability to get around safely, especially along major transit corridors with dense development and overstrained transit lines.

The Yonge complete street pilot has been beneficial to our community in many ways:

- Our streets have been made safer for all users with protected bike lanes, curb bump-outs, and traffic calming measures.
- Access to local businesses have been improved by the pilot, with CaféTO on-street patios, dedicated on-street parking and delivery zones. Our community has been able to feel like a community again with public art, greenery, pop-ups, making it a pleasure to visit a vibrant Yonge Street, one that we can feel proud of.
- 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.

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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,

Sincerely



Tom Cohen, Chair
Eglinton Park Residents' Association

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