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Mayor John Tory and Toronto City Council
Toronto City Hall
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 Mayor Tory and members of City Council,

Thank you for your leadership and for the progress the City has made toward offering healthy, affordable, and zero-emission transportation options during the pandemic.

Cycle Toronto is fully supportive of staff recommendations to further improve and expand Toronto's connected bike network, making cycling a viable option for everyone in Toronto by connecting the downtown core to the inner suburbs. These recommendations reflect a desire to increase the safety of vulnerable road users while fostering sustainable development and economic recovery for Toronto's businesses as they recover from a challenging two years. By adopting equitable transportation options for everyone, Toronto is helping some of our most vulnerable residents gain access to a range of opportunities.

Cycle Toronto strongly supports the City of Toronto staff's recommendations to:

1. **Continue the midtown Yonge complete street pilot evaluation to July 2023.** Preliminary data suggest that the pilot is achieving its goals. Additionally, **we are calling on you to connect the midtown Yonge complete street pilot to Eglinton Avenue.** This is a crucial connection to make as the new LRT line and complete street along Eglinton are completed this year and would provide safe cycling access to the thousands of residents and jobs found at the major residential and employment hub at Yonge-Eglinton. There are also many local businesses between Davisville and Eglinton that would benefit from the complete street's improved CafeTO patios and parking/delivery access.
2. **Continue the Bayview Ave (River St to Front St East) ActiveTO pilot to July 2023** as a safe detour for people walking and cycling along Bayview as the popular Lower

Don Trail is closed for maintenance.

3. **Install 10 centreline kilometres of new bikeways** on the following streets:
 - **Bartlett Ave, Havelock St, Gladstone Ave and Lindsey Ave:** Davenport Rd to College St (contra-flow bike lane and cycle tracks)
 - **Knox Ave:** Eastern Ave to Lake Shore Boulevard (bi-directional cycle tracks)
 - **The Queensway:** the Humber Bridge to Burma Dr (cycle tracks)
 - **Sentinel Rd:** Dovehouse Ave to Sheppard Ave West (cycle tracks)
 - **Sheppard Ave East:** Bonnington Place to Clairtrell Rd (cycle tracks)
 - **Steeles Ave East:** Midland Ave to McCowan Rd (cycle tracks)
 - **Wellington St:** Bathurst St to Blue Jays Way (bi-directional cycle tracks)
 - **Willowdale Ave:** Empress Ave to Sheppard Ave East (cycle tracks)

4. **Make improvements to 5 centreline kilometres** of existing cycling infrastructure on the following streets:
 - **Bloor St West:** Bartlett Ave to Havelock St (cycle tracks to two-way cycle tracks)
 - **College St:** Bay St to Manning St (bicycle lanes to cycle tracks)
 - **Douro St:** King St to Strachan Ave (uni-directional cycle tracks to bi-directional)
 - **Sentinel Rd:** Lamberton Boulevard to Dovehouse Ave (bicycle lanes to cycle tracks)
 - **Stephen Dr:** The Queensway to Ringley Ave (bicycle lanes to cycle tracks)
 - **Wellington St:** Strachan Ave to Bathurst St (bicycle lanes to bi-directional cycle tracks)

We hope that you will adopt the above recommendations which will contribute to making Toronto a safer, healthier, more vibrant, more affordable, and more equitable city.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

Cycle Toronto is a member-supported charitable organization that works to make Toronto a healthy, safe and vibrant cycling city for all. We are focused on advocacy, education and encouragement, as we work to shape policy and infrastructure, and build community to transform our city's cycling culture.

