

July 6, 2022

Infrastructure and Environment Committee
City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: IE31.19 Amendments - Bartlett-Havelock-Gladstone Cycling Connections

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Cycle Toronto is fully supportive of Councillor Ana Bailão's recommendations to make the necessary Amendments - Bartlett-Havelock-Gladstone Cycling Connections, which will correct minor technical errors and a missed by-law in order to move forward with the Bartlett-Havelock-Gladstone Cycling Connections project. This cycling connection represents an important alternative to people seeking a safe north-south passage in the area. We believe that connections such as this one should become the new normal for safe neighbourhood connections, that encourage more people to get on their bikes; Shaw street, with similar designs, proved to be one of the most successful cycling connections in the city; there were more bikes than cars traveling on that street!

This cycling route within a residential neighbourhood does not, however, meet the needs of cyclists who would like to ride along Dufferin Street, which is a key north-south corridor that connects people to schools, shops and transit. In its current form, Dufferin Street is a road that is dangerous by design and in urgent need of being reimagined within the city's Complete Street guidelines.

Sincerely,

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Alison Stewart

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Je suis bilingue et vous invite à communiquer avec moi en français.

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.