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

## **RE: IE31.10 Yorkdale Transportation Master Plan**

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

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. We support any and all programs, policies and infrastructure that prioritize walking, cycling and public transit over private car ownership.

Cycle Toronto is fully supportive of the staff recommended preferred solution for the Yorkdale Transportation Master Plan which will improve and expand Toronto's connected bike network by providing a continuous, multi-modal transportation network that accommodates all users while supporting reinvestment of City-owned land for public objectives.

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

- Establish Yorkdale Mall as a multi-modal transit hub by improving services, operational reliability and access to Toronto Transit Commission and GO Transit;
- 2. Improve active transportation connections to promote walking and cycling;
- 3. Design streets to safely accommodate all users;
- 4. Improve access to and from municipal expressways and provincial highways while protecting for the safety of all users;
- 5. **Improve streetscapes and the public realm** which are consistent with the future vision for the area.
- 6. Improve the transportation network including mobility hubs, two pedestrian and cycling bridges, a Dufferin Street transit priority lane, two-way bus service on Yorkdale Road, retention and expansion of the GO Bus Terminal at Yorkdale Mall, a

modified Allen Road northbound on-ramp to westbound and eastbound Highway 401, and the extension of Caledonia Road under Highway 401

Making cycling a more viable option for everyone in Toronto by connecting the downtown core to the inner suburbs is key to building a more sustainable and equitable city. The recommended solution being proposed for the future of the area marked by Yorkdale Mall represents an important investment in providing a more efficient, sustainable and positive environment for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. We are also pleased that this project supports the City's Cycling Network Plan.

We hope that you will adopt the preferred solution for the Yorkdale Transportation Master Plan which will contribute to making Toronto a safer, healthier, more vibrant, more affordable, and more equitable city.

Sincerely,

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.