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Deputy Mayor McKelvie and Toronto City Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

**Re: TE5.25 Port Lands Flood Protection and Enabling Infrastructure - Construction Staging
Time Extension (Ward 14)**

Dear Deputy Mayor McKelvie and members of City Council,

Cycle Toronto is supportive of the transformational change that is taking place in the Portlands. This change will lead to increased floodland protection and improve the public realm by improving safe connections for the large volumes of people walking, biking and running along this important corridor that connects people to the lake.

It is essential that maintaining a safe and separated passage for people during the ongoing construction in the area is prioritized. To date, this has not been the case. The bike lanes and cycle tracks have been regularly made unsafe due to excess dirt and excessive pooling water throughout the construction since it began. To ensure the ongoing safety of people who travel along this corridor, Cycle Toronto would like to highlight Toronto and East York Community Council's recommendation #12. **Prior to extending the closure of Lakeshore East, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Waterfront Toronto and Ellis Don, the contractor doing the work, must be updated to include a maintenance regime that ensures safe passage for people biking in the area, at all times.**

In addition to the recommendations outlined in the above item, Cycle Toronto recommends ensuring the MOU:

1. Include the need for clear signage that informs people of the detour, the daily maintenance obligations of the contractor, and the contact information for reporting any failure to comply with the maintenance protocol.
2. Outline penalties for Ellis Don, the contractor, for failure to comply with the MOU.
3. Require signage instructing the construction workers and the drivers of the large construction trucks frequenting the area to prioritize the safety of people on bikes.

By making these additional clarifications to the MOU, the city will be prioritizing the safety of some of Toronto's most vulnerable residents while maintaining safe access to the lake so people can participate in the wide range of healthy outdoor activities available to them.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Stewart".

Alison Stewart
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