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Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON

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RE: TE9.45 1404-1428 Yonge Street - Construction Staging Area

Mayor Chow and members of City Council,

Walk Toronto objects to the closure of sidewalk and bike lanes over 35 months to allow for the construction staging to develop the property at 1404-1428 Yonge Street.

Such an obstruction puts people who walk, roll, and cycle at risk. When cyclists are forced to share lanes with traffic, they are in danger. When cyclists are at danger in such a forced merging with vehicles, many choose to ride on the designated pedestrian way of passage and thus put pedestrians at risk.

Time and again, similar construction staging has proven to be an environment of great risk for all vulnerable road users. In addition, removal of safe passage in this way for those who choose active and public modes of transportation is entirely at odds with the city's VisionZero and TransformTO strategies.

We urge you to reconsider this approach and seek out other options which prioritizes the safe passage of people who walk, roll, and cycle.

Sincerely,

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Walk Toronto is grassroots, volunteer pedestrian advocacy group organization that works to improve walking conditions and safety in Toronto.