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March 28, 2023  
Deputy Mayor McKelvie and members of City Council  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

**Re: MM5.33 - Getting the Gardiner Right: Moving Forward with a New Study on Better Options for the Gardiner East**

Dear Deputy Mayor McKelvie and members of City Council,

Cycle Toronto is writing in support of Councillor Matlow's motion, seconded by Councillor Morley regarding the City indefinitely pausing to enter any new contractual obligations involving the Gardiner East until such a time that an updated report be prepared on the anticipated lifecycle and construction costs. **With no construction slated until 2026, the City has an incredible opportunity to change course on a decision that was made in 2016.**

At the Infrastructure and Environment Committee Meeting last Monday, we heard from City Staff that the current cost estimates have not been updated since 2016 for inflation, nor have lifecycle costs been projected for the project. Cycle Toronto believes that it would be irresponsible to progress with this project without first having a firm understanding of how much more money will be required to maintain this elevated highway.

**Furthermore, Cycle Toronto urges the city to consider leveraging a cost recovery model and assessing revenue tools to take a more equitable approach to how Toronto funds public infrastructure that supports automobility versus active modes of transportation.** We look forward to reviewing the report outlined in MM3.5 - Reviewing Revenue Tool Options for Toronto, to see what revenue generating options are available under the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* with the objective of taking a more equitable and balanced approach to how the city subsidizes its transportation network.

Addressing the looming climate and public health crises should take precedence over maintaining the Gardiner and, by extension, continuing to promote single car occupancy over other, more sustainable methods of transportation.

Sincerely,

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

Alison Stewart  
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*Cycle Toronto is a member-supported non-profit organization that works to make Toronto a safe, healthy, and vibrant cycling city for all.*