From: Emerson Cheung
To: Mayor Tory

Cc: Tasnia Khan; Infrastructure and Environment; Parwaiz Nijrabi

Subject: IE1.4 - Cycling Network Plan: I support making the Midtown Yonge Complete Street permanent

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## Dear Mayor Tory,

I am writing on behalf of the leadership, staff, and customers of Movin E-Bikes to thank you for your leadership in establishing the Midtown Yonge Complete Street pilot project, and to express our strong support for keeping this critical infrastructure as a permanent piece of our city's cycling network.

Our customers represent a broad cross-section of city residents, including newcomers to Canada, students, commuters, parents, retirees, and food delivery couriers. The success of our business depends on a connected, protected network of bike lanes, and the Yonge Street bike lanes from Bloor to Davisville are a crucial link between the Bloor/Danforth bike lanes, the Kay Gardner Beltline, and the new lanes that will be implemented on Eglinton Avenue.

This section of Yonge Street is home to numerous restaurants and other businesses that rely on bike riders to deliver their food and other products in a quick and reliable fashion. Yonge Street also connects residential neighbourhoods with offices, hospitals, and other places of employment downtown. Our customers have come to rely on these lanes to safely cycle through the heart of Toronto, as do myself and my employees.

I strongly urge you to make the Midtown Yonge Complete Street permanent; to extend it north to Eglinton, south to College; and to upgrade other arterial streets throughout Toronto so that every ward can enjoy the benefits that a complete street design brings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very sincerely,

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