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Dear Chair Councillor McKelvie and Committee Members:

IE1.4 - Cycling Network Plan: 2021 ActiveTO Cycling Network Expansion Project Updates

We fully support making **permanent** the ActiveTO Cycling Network Expansion project installed in 2021. Finding more efficient, strategic, and sustainable uses for our streets is becoming critical in our thriving city. Densification is the future of Toronto, and with it can come a *better* quality of life such as the one that the Yonge Complete Street offers.

Lytton Park Residents' Organization, whose boundaries are Yonge to the east, Roselawn to the south, Proudfoot to the west and Lawrence to the north, is just over a kilometre north of the Pilot area. The Eglinton Crosstown is steps away from us and, once completed, will make a natural connection to Yonge Street. We feel that the Yonge Street Pilot must be made permanent so that this important connector can be made a reality.

As a residents' association that is steps away from Yonge Street, we are seeing unprecedented development in our community, and with it an influx of new residents. While this change is welcome, we must acknowledge that it puts significant pressure on our infrastructure - especially on our streets and on our sidewalks - and we need to adapt accordingly.

There is no question that densification in the Yonge-Eglinton area is leading to a shift away from car travel in favour of public transit, cycling and walking. This is not lost on developers: many of the latest proposals offer two to three times more bike parking than car parking. In one recent application for a building on 1366 Yonge with 489 units, *there will be no car parking at all!* A similar phenomenon can be found all along the Yonge corridor between Lawrence and Bloor as developers recognize that a fundamental shift is taking place along the Yonge subway line. It is clear to them and to us that residents - and employees, shoppers and diners - are attracted to Midtown Toronto **because** it

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reduces dependence on the car. Younger Torontonians especially want environmentally responsible, healthy, and less expensive ways of getting around our wonderful city.

A shift away from car travel, in favour of public transit, cycling and walking, is also evident from the Pilot data collected by the City. The data demonstrates increases (ranging between 57 percent and 250 percent) in cycling trips and increases in pedestrian trips (ranging between 59 percent and 145 percent) on the corridor, as well as support for local business including an increase from 10 CaféTO patios in 2020 to 21 patios on the corridor in 2022.

The success of CaféTO is a major economic indicator that the Yonge Pilot has been a huge success. It was not long ago that Toronto saw similarly positive results on Bloor Street and on Destination Danforth, both of which are now permanent installations.

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Sincerely,
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