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City of Toronto Infrastructure and Environment Committee (IEC) c/o Ellen Devlin, Committee Administrator 10^{th} floor, West Tower, City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Subject: Item 2023.IE1.4

Dear Mayor Tory, Deputy Mayor and IEC Chair McKelvie, and Committee members:

On behalf of the Leaside Residents Association, Inc. (LRA) I am writing in support of City Staff's recommendations to approve the ActiveTO Midtown Yonge Street Cycling Network Expansion project.

The LRA urges the IEC to vote your approval to make this permanent.

As a Pilot Project, it has proven itself. Data show impressive resultant increases in cycling and pedestrian trips, as well as reductions in traffic gridlock, all of which add to the safety of our streets. We understand that local business support has been strong. Community consultation has been positive.

The LRA believes that this City would benefit significantly from making this a permanent and important feature, and hope you will approve doing so at your coming Committee meeting.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Carol Burtin Fripp, Co-President with Geoff Kettel, Leaside Residents Association