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To: [Infrastructure and Environment](#)
Subject: Midtown Yonge
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the January 30, 2023 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2023.IE1.4, Cycling Network Plan: 2021 ActiveTO Cycling Network Expansion Project Updates

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments: (see also pdf)

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the IEC,

I am writing on behalf of 8 80 Cities to thank you and city council for implementing the successful Active TO Midtown Yonge Complete Street pilot over the past year, and to urge you use to make it permanent for the benefit of all Torontonians.

At 8 80 Cities, our belief is that the urban environment should offer high quality of life for everyone — no matter a person's age, ability, or social status. Such a city is designed to encourage safe mobility for walking, riding bicycles, and using public transportation. It is a city where *everyone* has the right to move safely. The complete street model installed on Yonge Street from Bloor Street to Davisville Avenue, has been successful in offering more sociable and accessible space with seating and planters, enhanced pavement markings to identify appropriate loading areas, as well as separated bike lanes and CafeTO curb lane installations. All these changes have contributed to a safer and more welcoming environment for people of all ages walking and riding bicycles.

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We urge you and council to **make the Midtown Yonge Complete Street pilot permanent** for benefit of all Torontonians and a more **healthy, equitable, and sustainable** city.

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Calling all garden enthusiasts and novice green thumbs! Join us on February 16th from 2 – 3:30 ET for the webinar [Community Gardens: A Tool for Growing Community Change](#). Register [here](#)!



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December 23, 2022

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amanda O'Rourke'.

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