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March 17, 2023 Toronto City Hall Infrastructure and Environment Committee 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

## **RE: IE2.7 - College Street Bikeways Extension**

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

We are thrilled that the existing College Street bike lanes are currently being upgraded to protected cycle tracks. As one of the busiest cycling corridors in the city, in a Ward where 68% of all trips are taken by foot, transit, or bike, creating infrastructure that protects vulnerable road users is critical. Making active transportation more accessible and safe is key to meeting our public health, climate action, and equity goals as a city.

Today, we are writing to support the motion moved by Councillors Saxe and Bravo that proposes to extend the College Street bikeways from Manning Avenue westward to Lansdowne Avenue. They note that 25 vulnerable road users were injured on College Street between 2010 and 2020, and a further 3 were killed. These numbers are unacceptable: the reconstruction of College Street is an opportunity to create a corridor that aligns with Complete Street guidelines and takes a Vision Zero approach.

In addition to the extension proposed in Item IE2.7, we would like to recommend the following:

- 1. That the College Street bikeways are extended eastward, from Bay Street to Parliament Street.
- 2. That the gap in bike lanes on Lansdowne Avenue between College Street and Dundas Street West be filled in to provide a more complete network of cycling infrastructure.
- 3. That an ActiveTO Pilot structure be leveraged in order to implement these extensions as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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