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

## **RE: IE2.4 - Southwest Agincourt Transportation Connections Study**

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

We are pleased to see that a recommendation has been made to improve the transportation connections and infrastructure for the area from Village Green Square to Sheppard Avenue East and the Agincourt GO Station. We wholeheartedly support the construction of a "complete street" to connect Village Green Square to Sheppard Avenue and a "multi-use trail" connecting Village Green Square to Agincourt GO Station.

This neighbourhood is experiencing immense population growth and we support area residents who are calling for this project to be expedited to support the existing and planned density. **Cycle Toronto is advocating for the additional improvements to be made based on the feedback received from local advocates and residents:** 

- 1. The addition of protected bike lanes on Sheppard Avenue to ensure the safety of all road users, protective features must be installed on the bike lanes on Sheppard Avenue between Gordon Avenue and Agincourt GO Station to increase the safety of those who rely on active mobility.
- Extending the cycling network on Reidmount Avenue from Dowry Avenue to Marilyn Avenue – this short connection would connect cyclists at Village Green Square to Agincourt Drive, Havendale Road, Belgreen Avenue and the Huntingwood Avenue Bike Lanes. It would also connect to the North Scarborough Green Cycle Loop.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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