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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the June 5, 2023 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2023.IE4.8, E-scooter Pilot Program

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Warm regards,

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### RE: IE4.8 E-scooter Pilot Program (Ward All)

Dear Chair McKelvie and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Over the past few years our streets have gotten busier with many new types of electrified micro-mobility devices such as e-bikes, cargo bikes, e-skateboards, one-wheeled balancing devices, and e-scooters. Cycle Toronto supports providing people with sustainable transportation options which also support the city's TransformTO climate action plan.

**Cycle Toronto recommends that the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Executive Director, Environment and Climate report back on a comprehensive Micro-mobility Strategy in 2024.** This strategy must seek to resolve any safety concerns identified by the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee and other community stakeholders. It is imperative that the adoption of any emerging mobility options won't negatively impact the safety and accessibility of people in Toronto.

In addition to the new and emerging mobility devices on our streets, roads and sidewalks, the [Ministry of Transportation is considering to pilot additional micro-mobility devices](#). **The increased popularity and adoption of e-mobility further highlights the need for a citywide network of high-quality connected infrastructure that can support modes of travel that aren't appropriate for sidewalks, but need protection from vehicular traffic.** Since [2021, when City Council unanimously voted in favour of opting-out of the provincial pilot](#), nothing has changed, aside from the proliferation of illegal e-scooters across the city, many of which can go at excessive speeds. Cycle Toronto remains resolute that an e-scooter program that is run by a private company has no place on our streets. It is worth noting that the Ontario cities that have opted in to pilot an e-scooter program have done so in large part due to the lobbying of for-profit companies. These cities do not have a bike rental program like Bike Share Toronto.

As our streets get busier and denser it becomes more important that our city accommodate active mobility and e-mobility options that allow people to move themselves and their goods safely. Having a comprehensive Micro-mobility Strategy will position Toronto to improve the safety on our streets, roads and sidewalks. It will also contribute to achieving the target of having 75% of all trips under 5 km taken by active modes of transportation.

On this first day of Bike Month, on behalf of Cycle Toronto and our supporters, I would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication to making Toronto a safer cycling city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Stewart".

**Alison Stewart**

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