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Toronto City Hall
Infrastructure and Environment Committee
100 Queen Street West
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RE: IE5.5 - Planning for an E Scooter Pilot

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 VisionZero and TransformTO climate action plan. It is critical that the City expand the Cycling Network Plan and account for the increase in volume of both individual commuters and delivery companies moving to active modes of transportation to get around traffic congestion.

Cycle Toronto reiterates our support for the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Executive Director, Environment and Climate to report back on a comprehensive Micro-mobility Strategy in 2024 after a similar item [IE4.8 - E-scooter Pilot Program](#) was withdrawn last IEC meeting. It remains our position that it is premature for the City to consider launching an e-scooter pilot prior to the results of this report.

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. It is also our view that adding a new mobility fleet to their service offering without a comprehensive micro-mobility strategy could risk the deployment of Bike Share Toronto's already approved four-year expansion plan of bikes in every ward.

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 TransformTO target of having 75% of trips under 5 km taken by active modes of transportation.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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

Alison Stewart

Director, Advocacy and Public Policy

Cycle Toronto is a member-supported non-profit organization that works to make Toronto a safe, healthy, and vibrant cycling city for all.