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To: Infrastructure Committee Members  
Re: IE5.5 - Planning for an E Scooter Pilot

I am writing to express my full support for the implementation of IE5.5 Planning for an E-Scooter Pilot in the City of Toronto. I believe that this initiative will not only provide a compact and sustainable transportation option but also bring forth numerous benefits to our city.

First and foremost, a micromobility strategy, which includes e-scooters, would significantly increase accessibility for a wide range of individuals. Many people may not have access to private vehicles or find traditional transportation options inconvenient. By introducing e-scooters as an alternative mode of transportation, we can offer a cost-effective and accessible solution to these individuals, improving their mobility and enhancing their quality of life.

In addition, the inclusion of e-scooters in our transportation system would contribute to reduced noise pollution. Unlike traditional vehicles, e-scooters produce minimal noise, creating a quieter and more peaceful urban environment. This aspect would undoubtedly have a positive impact on the well-being of our residents, fostering a more harmonious and livable neighborhood.

Furthermore, e-scooters and micromobility options are often powered by advanced electric propulsion systems and connected technologies. By embracing and supporting these innovative solutions, we would actively contribute to the growth of the clean energy sector. This alignment with sustainable transportation not only fosters environmental responsibility but also drives advancements in technology, paving the way for a greener future.

Moreover, promoting physical activity through e-scooters and other micromobility options is another compelling reason to endorse this pilot initiative. Active transportation, such as riding e-scooters or bicycles, has been proven to have significant health benefits. Regular engagement in these activities can lead to improved cardiovascular health, increased stamina, and overall well-being. Encouraging short trips within urban areas through these active modes of transportation would contribute to the betterment of public health in our city.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support the implementation of IE5.5 Planning for an E-Scooter Pilot in the City of Toronto. By introducing a micromobility strategy, we can address crucial issues such as traffic congestion, air pollution, public health, and overall quality of life. However, it is essential to emphasize the importance of developing the proper infrastructure, introducing effective regulations, and implementing safety measures to ensure the responsible and sustainable integration of e-scooters into our existing environments.

Thank you for considering my perspective and for your dedication to creating a more efficient, sustainable, and people-centric transportation system for our city.

All my Best,

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