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Mayor Tory and Toronto City Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: MM2.14 Improving Safety on Bloor Street Bike Lanes during Construction

Dear Mayor Tory and members of City Council,

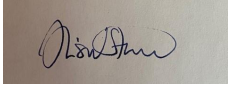
Cycle Toronto is writing to express support of Councillor Saxe's motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor McKelvie, to maintain safe passage for cyclists who rely on the Bloor Street Bike Lanes during construction.

Construction sites are dangerous due to loud noises, heavy machinery, dust, and the increased presence of trucks which are disproportionately dangerous to vulnerable road users. When bikeways and sidewalks disappear unpredictably due to construction, without a sufficiently safe detour, people cycling and walking are forced into mixed, high speed traffic zones where people driving may not anticipate them to be. The protected Bloor St. bike lanes are a critical east-west corridor many cyclists rely on to travel safely across the city.

With the emerging climate crisis, we need to encourage more people to adopt active modes of transportation. The lack of safety around construction zones deters many people from walking or biking. While this motion refers to a specific route, we hope to see this consideration and attention brought to all construction work zones across the city's network of cycling and pedestrian infrastructure. Besides which, it is only by improving the safety of vulnerable road users, people of all ages and abilities, that Toronto will achieve Vision Zero.

Please ensure that cyclists will be able to safely navigate on the Bloor St. bike lanes during construction by voting in favor of Councillor Saxe's motion. This will help reduce the opportunities for potential collisions between people driving, cycling and walking along one of the city's busy corridors.

Sincerely,



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

