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Deputy Mayor McKelvie and Toronto City Council Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: MM6.17 Reducing TTC Vehicle Delays for Streetcar and RapidTO Routes

Dear Deputy Mayor McKelvie and members of City Council,

Cycle Toronto is writing to express our full support with this member motion brought forward by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Jon Burnside. As a charity that advocates for a better cycling city, improving access to transit and other active modes of transportation are essential for the city to achieve its TransformTO commitment to Net Zero by 2040. With less than eight years away to reach this goal, **the city must increase access and convenience of our city's public transportation network.**

It is our view that introducing left turn prohibitions and adding more advanced left turn phases at signalized intersections, will not only reduce delays experienced by streetcar and RapidTO services, it will improve road safety for people who walk, wheel or bike. It is also our view that the decision made by Council to reduce TTC service and increase user fares will contribute to driving more people away from public transit and negatively impacting equity deserving communities the most.

We urge you to reverse the cuts to TTC service and increase in user fares. We would like to see the city consider additional congestion management efforts made to reduce the number of private vehicles circulating in the city's core so that transit, commercial and emergency services vehicles aren't stuck in traffic.

With the introduction and potential future expansion of the RapidTO program, as well as increasing downtown gridlock, now is the time to explore solutions to reduce public transit delays while also improving the quality of service for TTC riders.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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.