



North York Community Council
November 28, 2022

RE: NY1.9 – Leaside Neighbourhood Transportation Plan Status Update

To Councillor James Pasternak, Chair, and Members of North York Community Council,

I am making this submission on behalf of Cycle Don Valley Midtown, the ward advocacy group for Cycle Toronto in Ward 15 and Ward 16, and as a Leaside resident of more than 30 years. Cycle Don Valley Midtown has been keenly interested in the Leaside Neighbourhood Transportation Plan since it was first proposed by Councillor Jaye Robinson and we appreciate her dedication to bringing it forward.

We are encouraged that the plan will recommend changes for improved safety for all road users, with a focus on vulnerable road users such as people walking, cycling, and seniors. Only by making our roadways safe for the most vulnerable road users can we be confident that they are indeed safe for everyone.

We support the approach outlined in the Leaside Neighbourhood Transportation Plan Status Update that combines near-term improvements, such as traffic calming measures and traffic controls in Phase 1 with longer-term interventions (Phase 2) addressed once the Eglinton Crosstown and bikeway on Eglinton Avenue East are completed and new travel patterns emerge.

There are two opportunities we want to highlight that we hope to see included in the near-term plan.

- The map included in the November 22, 2022 update from leasideNTP@toronto.ca indicated that a safe crossing on Bayview at the east entrance to Mount Pleasant Cemetery was one of three areas receiving the most comments. As the near-term plan includes traffic controls, we would like to see this crossing given priority. Not only does it serve a large number of pedestrians out for a walk every day, it is also a well-used cycling connection from the Beltline Trail to Sunnybrook Park via Sutherland Drive, and to the Yonge Street bikeway for westbound cyclists.
- The second phase of eglintonTOday is planned to proceed in 2024 and will bring a quick-build complete street to Eglinton Avenue between Mount Pleasant and Brentcliffe. We urge the project team to coordinate with the eglintonTOday team and implement

improvements at all intersections along this stretch of Eglinton in Leaside, including bicycle signals, as part of the quick-build design. To ensure safe and efficient access to the new bikeway on Eglinton from cycling routes within the neighbourhood, we request that the traffic signal and bus stop, which are currently in front of Leaside High School, be moved to align with Hanna Road at Eglinton.

Cycle Don Valley Midtown members who reside in Leaside would be available to consult on cycling-related developments at any time. We look forward to seeing the near-term plan when it is presented in Q1 2023.

Thank you for your consideration,

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