



North York Community Council
June 19, 2022

RE: NY6.9 - 1710 - 1736 Bayview Avenue - Construction Staging Area (Ward 15)

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

Cycle Don Valley Midtown is the ward advocacy group for Cycle Toronto in Ward 15 and Ward 16. The site in question is located on the west side of Bayview Avenue between Soudan and Eglinton immediately north of the commercially-focussed main street. In spite of its current lack of safe cycling infrastructure, this stretch of Bayview is well used by people cycling between the neighbourhoods to the north and south, and to the institutions and schools to the north, and the shops and links to the greater cycling network in the south.

The City proposes to close one lane of two south bound travel lanes. We appreciate the diligence in the City's recommendations, but do not think they do enough to ensure the safety of people cycling during the twenty four month closure. Below are our recommendations to address the concerns:

- Prominent signage, well in advance of the lane closure, indicating that *people on bikes and motor vehicle traffic are to share the road*.
- Signed speed reduction to 30K where cyclists and vehicles are to share the road.
- Even at these reduced speeds and because of the proximity to the intersection, vehicles will likely be travelling faster than people on bikes, making the merge dangerous for cyclists. *Signage should indicate motorists are to yield to people on bikes*.
- Also because the construction staging zone is close to the Bayview/Eglinton intersection, signage in advance of the intersection should inform all road users – pedestrians, cyclists and drivers – of the lane closure ahead and the safety measures in advance. We recommend signage be placed north of Eglinton on the west side of Bayview for southbound travellers, on the south side of Eglinton west of Bayview for eastbound and right-turning southbound travellers and on the north side of Eglinton east of Bayview for left-turning, southbound travellers.

We expect that best practices within construction zones consider all road users, especially the most vulnerable and adhere to Council's request in [MM38.20 Augmenting the City's Approach to Safe Transportation in Construction Zones](#).

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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On behalf of the Executive of Cycle Don Valley Midtown

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