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Toronto City Council
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: EX11.8 - RapidTO: Surface Transit Network Plan

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of Council,

Cycle Toronto urges you to endorse the Surface Transit Network Plan and **immediately prioritize the implementation of RapidTO [bus-bike lanes](#) along Finch Ave. E., Dufferin St., Lawrence Ave. E., and Steeles Ave. W.**

As cycling infrastructure; however; we acknowledge that shared bike-bus lanes like the Eglinton Ave. E. RapidTO lanes do not meet the standard of being accessible for all ages and abilities. While they can help as temporary measures to help make these arterials a better option for some people who choose to ride a bike. **Cycle Toronto reiterates our call for separated, protected cycle tracks or multi-use paths adjacent to these surface transit corridors.**

Improving the efficiency of transit together with expanding the cycling network is essential for the multi-modal future of Toronto's transportation system. Bikes can play a crucial role supporting transit users with first- and last-mile solutions, reducing reliance on transfers, and making commutes more convenient. Uniting cycling and transit together to expand mobility options across the city is critical for meeting our TransformTO Climate Action Strategy's goal of 75% of trips under 5 km walked, biked, or taken by transit by 2030.

The implementation of RapidTO is a matter of equity. The majority of transit riders rely on surface routes and impact equity-deserving communities the most. In addition to these RapidTO lanes, the development of a network of physically protected cycling infrastructure could enable more people to move around the city and access employment, education, and other important destinations.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Longfield".

Michael Longfield
Executive Director

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