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

**RE: TE10.30 - Honda Indy Toronto Race 2024 - Temporary Street Closures**

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of Council,

Cycle Toronto asks that when considering requests for large-scale events and road closures that Council directs staff to find solutions to also **bring back the ActiveTO Major Road Closures**.

ActiveTO saw Lake Shore Blvd. W. filled with thousands of people of all ages and abilities who flocked to the waterfront to enjoy our public space whenever it was available to them. As Toronto continues to encourage and enable more people to choose to ride a bike, the [city's data shows that ActiveTO helped grow and diversify cycling in Toronto](#): "New cyclists and those returning to cycling included more women and more people identifying as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Colour compared with long-time cyclists." The city's survey also showed high support (92%) for continuing the closures even after the COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns. Leveraging these event closures to bring back ActiveTO would welcome thousands of people to enjoy the space, and promote physical and mental health. These initiatives are powerful displays of how our streets can be animated when filled with people.

We reiterate our call to **reimagine Lake Shore Blvd. W. as a Complete Street** as part of the Western Waterfront Master Plan to create a more vibrant public realm, and help ease conflicts and overcrowding on the Martin Goodman Trail. Having more permanent and dedicated space for people walking, rolling, and cycling for recreation and transportation throughout the year supports TransformTO climate action goals and benefits public health. As Toronto continues to successfully encourage and enable more people to choose to ride a bike for transportation and recreation, the city must adopt more equitable policies.

Best regards,

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

Michael Longfield  
Executive Director

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