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

RE: TE11.19 - 950 King Street West - Construction Staging Area

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of Council,

Cycle Toronto would like to applaud the efforts of Deputy Mayor Mali and Transportation Services for finding an alternative design option for the construction staging area at 950 King St which will not impinge the northbound and southbound bicycle lanes on Strachan Avenue.

With the volume of construction taking place across Toronto, Cycle Toronto has become increasingly concerned that construction staging zones often include the closure of existing cycling infrastructure putting the safety of people who bike in peri. In this instance, we remain thankful and appreciative of the leadership of the local councillor who supported our call to direct the developer to find a solution to their development needs that will safeguard the public right of way.

The city should not be approving construction site plans that seek to close bike lanes without including a safe alternative. When one of the city's few bike lanes becomes closed, people have no safe option. The volume of food delivery couriers, an equity deserving group that is particularly vulnerable to road violence, relies on the city's connected cycling network for deliveries to customers at all hours.

It is critical that the safety of all vulnerable road users be considered to mitigate the danger posed by construction zones. The increased number of large trucks circulating in the city is leading to deadly collisions involving people.

We urge you to find a holistic and systematic solution that will guarantee the safety of people who rely on active modes of transportation during construction that doesn't rely on the leadership and support of the local councillor.

Best regards,

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

Michael Longfield
Executive Director

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