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Mayor Chow and members of Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: TE15.59 - Improving the Temporary 510 Replacement Bus Service on Spadina: Temporary Priority Bus Lane and Adjustments to Parking Regulations on Spadina Ave

Dear Mayor and members of Council,

Cycle Toronto is writing in support of improving access and public connectivity along Spadina Ave, one of Toronto's busiest corridors, by expediting a dedicated right of way for transit and cycling until such a time that the 510 Spadina streetcar is operational.

The flooding that took place last week should be an urgent call for prioritizing our TransformTO climate action goals and accelerating active modes of transportation to move more people sustainably and efficiently. Supporting the movement of cycling and public transportation is critical to providing more transportation options for more people, who shouldn't get stuck in congestion caused by too many single occupancy car trips.

Spadina remains an extremely popular cycling route despite a lack of cycling infrastructure. **We urge the city to capitalize on this opportunity to demonstrate its ability to implement innovative solutions such as ActiveTO and RapidTO, and create a pilot protected bikeway along this section of Spadina once the streetcar has been reinstated.** This will improve the safety of the growing number of people who have discovered that commuting by bike is the [fastest and most economical way to travel shorter distances](#). This will also improve the safety of food delivery workers who bike at all hours of the day and night, throughout the year, regardless of the weather.

Sincerely,

Alison Stewart
Director, Advocacy and Public Policy
Cycle Toronto is a member-supported charity that works to make Toronto a vibrant cycling city.