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Toronto City Council
100 Queen St. W.
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RE: IE17.4 - Parkside Drive Study Final Report

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of Council,

Cycle Toronto is writing to express our enthusiasm and support for the recommendations put forward to reconfigure Parkside Drive as a Complete Street with bikeways and intersection safety improvements at Lake Shore Boulevard W and the Martin Goodman Trail. We also want to thank the work of community group Safe Parksde for their tireless advocacy.

The Parkside Drive Study represents over a decade of community advocacy for improving road safety due to the number of serious road injuries and fatalities that have taken place in the corridor. The last ten years have seen seven traffic collisions that resulted in three fatalities. Despite being along one of Toronto's busiest parks to the west and an established residential area to the east, Parkside Dr is a dangerous arterial designed to facilitate driving at high speeds. These crashes are not accidents, they are the result of outdated road design.

We cannot wait until 2026 for these improvements. Especially in the face of the proposed municipal overreach into municipal affairs outlined in Bill 212, it is important for the City to complete Phase One of the project by 2025. On behalf of our membership and supporter base, I urge you to dedicate the necessary resources to doing the necessary design work for The Parkside Drive Study recommendations to go to tender before Bill 212 is adopted into law.

Best regards,

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

Michael Longfield
Executive Director

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