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Etobicoke York Community Council (EYCC) Toronto City Hall 100 Queen St W Toronto, M5H 2N2

Re: EY11.1 - Jane Finch Secondary Plan and Urban Design Guidelines - Final Report

Dear Chair Holyday and Members of Etobicoke York Community Council,

Cycle Toronto supports the final report for the Jane Finch Secondary Plan and Urban Design Guidelines. If adopted, this will lead to the transformation of an equity deserving area by improving the public realm and giving people comfortable options to walk, bike, access public transit and the myriad places people need to go. With the adoption of EY11.1 these items should be under consideration for the upcoming 2025-2027 Cycling Network Plan to build 150 km of new bikeways across the city.

The Jane Finch Secondary Plan is an important framework for advancing and implementing an inclusive, transit-supportive and climate-resilient complete community that includes a diverse range of community services, retail shops and other amenities that make a community economically vibrant where people of all ages, abilities and incomes can thrive. An important part of building complete communities is implementing Complete Streets which support safe connections for all road users, especially those who take transit, bike and walk.

There are too many parts of York and Etobicoke where even a short bike trip can feel impossible because the region lacks a connected network of cycling infrastructure. This plan will help to close gaps, improve connections to transit, and provide people with active transportation options to those that don't have access to a car.

Investing in complete communities will contribute to improving the health and safety of the people who live and work in the Jane Finch area.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.,

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