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Board of Health - Strategic Plan Development Committee
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St W
Toronto, M5H 2N2

Re: HX4.1 - Toronto Public Health's Strategic Plan 2024-2028

Dear Chair Bravo and Members of the Board of Health - Strategic Plan Development Committee,

Cycle Toronto is a member supported charity that works to increase access to cycling and foster a culture of cycling. As such, we share the vision of the Toronto Board of Health to build a city where all people can be healthy and thrive, and reduce social inequities.

Cycle Toronto would be excited to be a community stakeholder once Toronto's Public Health Strategy is adopted and moves to the implementation planning phase. We would particularly like to draw your attention to city initiatives and programs such as ActiveTO, Bike Share Toronto, the Cycling Network Plan, Toronto's Vision Zero and Road Safety Plan, as well as the new Seniors Strategy. These programs all benefit the health and wellbeing of Torontonians by supporting active modes of transportation and would benefit from Toronto Public Health's expertise and involvement to successfully deliver on Priority 2. Promote health and well-being across the lifespan.

Toronto Public Health has a long track record of promoting active transportation for physical and mental health. The [2012 Public Health Report: Road to Health: Improving Walking and Cycling in Toronto](#) presented a strong case for support for making our communities safer and more economically sustainable by prioritizing the freedom, affordability and self-reliance that comes with active modes of transportation (walking, biking, rolling, and taking public transit); as well as the mental, physical, and benefits to our environment.

We look forward to supporting Toronto achieve its public health, economic recovery, climate mitigation and health equity goals. The city's public health outcomes are directly linked to the city's economic vibrancy, climate crisis mitigation goals and equity.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Stewart".

Alison Stewart
Director, Advocacy and Public Policy

