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Infrastructure and Environment Committee (IEC)
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St W
Toronto, M5H 2N2

Re: IE11.6 - Micromobility Strategy Development - Accessibility Feedback

Dear Chair McKelvie and Members of Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Cycle Toronto is writing in support of the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee's recommendation to not pursue any e-scooter pilots for the reasons they have outlined. **As an advisory body of people representing those living with a range of disabilities and accessibility needs, it is important to actively listen to their needs.** One in four Torontonians live with a disability. Their collective voice matters.

Our streets have gotten busier with many new types of electrified micro-mobility devices such as e-skateboards, one-wheeled balancing devices, and e-scooters. Cycle Toronto supports providing people with sustainable transportation options which support the city's VisionZero and TransformTO climate action plan. Bikes, e-bikes and e-cargo bikes have been proven to move more people away from single car use occupancy trips. The data around e-scooters is more inconclusive, as e-scooters often replace walking and biking trips. E-scooters and other lightweight electrified mobility devices can be a barrier to accessibility on sidewalks, in bike lanes, and public spaces not designed to accommodate a wide range of mobilities.

Cycle Toronto urges the City to expedite the implementation of the Cycling Network Plan, including our call to build over 150 km of new bikeways between 2025-2027 to support the increasing volume of individuals and delivery companies that have discovered how efficient and cost effective it is to adopt active modes of transportation to get around.

We look forward to viewing the city's Micro-mobility Strategy when it is published in May, 2024. It is imperative that the adoption of any emerging mobility options won't negatively impact the safety and accessibility of people in Toronto.

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

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