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RE: IE13.2 - eglintonTOday Phase 1 Complete Street Project: Bicknell Avenue to Mount Pleasant Road

To Deputy Mayor McKelvie, Chair, and members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Cycle Don Valley Midtown is the ward advocacy group for Cycle Toronto in Ward 15 (Don Valley West) and Ward 16 (Don Valley East). Eglinton Avenue runs through these wards from Mt. Pleasant Road to Victoria Park Avenue. Presently there are unfinished painted bike lanes from Brentcliffe Road to Kennedy Road and two small sections of raised cycle tracks installed by Metrolinx at the LRT stations for Leaside (at Bayview Avenue) and Mount Pleasant. **We strongly support the staff recommendation to complete Phase 1 of eglintonTOday Complete Street and to begin consultations to complete Phase 11 in 2024.**

As noted in the staff report, Eglinton Connects presented a new vision for Eglinton Avenue from Mount Dennis in the west to Kennedy Road in the east, which was adopted by City Council in 2014. With high order mass transit, wider sidewalks, motor vehicle parking and protected bikeways, Eglinton Connects was a preview of the complete street concept that would come to underpin Council-endorsed priorities of Vision Zero Road Safety Plan and Transform TO Net Zero Plan. While the vision of Eglinton Connects remains the ultimate goal, given the myriad of constraints facing the City of Toronto, eglintonTOday Complete Street project is a first and necessary step towards that vision.

Like Bloor, Danforth and Midtown Yonge, a quick build immediately secures safety improvements for people walking and cycling, while providing the opportunity to adjust and improve until the conditions allow for a permanent installation. And like Bloor, Danforth and Midtown Yonge, these complete street installations have increased active transportation along their respective corridors with minimal delays to vehicle traffic.

We commend City staff on the work they have done with community members to fine tune the complete street design for Phase 1. In particular, the establishment of a Stakeholder Advisory Group of local residents, businesses and organizations to work through detailed design and address local issues and opportunities is a model that we hope to see employed in the consultations for Phase 11.

Although outside of the scope of Eglinton Today Complete Street project, we eagerly await the City taking over the remainder of the Eglinton Ave East bikeway from Brentcliffe Road to Kennedy Road, and the installation of the protections and safety improvements needed to encourage active transportation all along Eglinton Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,
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