



Yonge4All is a diverse group of residents who live, work and shop in midtown Toronto. We believe that Yonge Street should be welcoming, safe and accessible for people of all ages and abilities, whether they walk, take transit, drive a car, ride a bike or use another mobility device.

April 30, 2024

**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,

Yonge4All wholeheartedly supports the eglintonTOday Complete Street Project – Phase 1 implementation this summer and Phase 2 consultation later in the year. We know first-hand the benefits of building complete streets through a quick-build approach as we experienced in Midtown Yonge from Bloor to Davisville. More people are walking and cycling, traffic is calmer and everyone feels safer. With more people out on the street, businesses enjoy greater foot traffic and increased sales. On-street cafes, street art and pop-up parkettes add the overall vibrancy of the area, fostering community among residents and attracting more visitors.

With this installation and the subsequent completion of Phase 2, a connected complete street on Eglinton Avenue will be a backbone for active transportation right across midtown from Mount Dennis in the west to Kennedy Road in the east. This emerging active transportation corridor can be made all the more effective with safe connections north and south of Eglinton and we urge the

City to prioritize connecting the Eglinton Today Complete Street with the Midtown Yonge Complete Street.

Complete streets support the Council-endorsed Vision Zero Road Safety Plan and TransformTO Net Zero Plan, and they contribute to more vibrant main streets in our neighbourhoods. We ask that you approve the staff recommendations outlined in IE13.2 and bring the extensive benefits of a complete street to Eglinton Avenue.

Thank you for your consideration,

Robin Richardson,

On behalf of Yonge4All

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