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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 2, 2024 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2024.IE13.2, eglintonTOday Phase 1 Complete Street Project: Bicknell Avenue to Mount Pleasant Road

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Re: IE13.2 - EglintonTOday Phase 1 Complete Street Project: Bicknell Avenue to Mount Pleasant Road (Ward 5, 8, 9, 12)

Dear Chair McKelvie and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Last month, we were concerned to learn that Toronto is not on track to meet its climate targets and achieve net zero by 2040. The rollout of the city's cycling network plan must be expedited to reduce the number of single occupancy car trips and the emissions caused by vehicular traffic. The current implementation rate of the city's cycling plan is not the ambitious build-out that we need to make riding a bike a better option for more people city-wide. With eight months until the end of 2024, just 36km of new bikeways have been implemented or approved for implementation, making the 8 km of new bikeways outlined in this project integral to completing the Council-approved 100 km 2022-2024 Cycling Network Plan this year.

The David Suzuki Foundation would like to see Toronto ease traffic congestion and give people access to efficient and sustainable transportation options. Your unanimous vote for the eglintonTOday Complete Street is an important step towards achieving the city's TransformTO climate plan while also improving the safety and connectivity of people who bike.

Studies consistently show the lack of safe, connected cycling infrastructure remains the biggest barrier to people biking and adopting other active modes of transportation. Additionally, to meet our TransformTO goal of 75 per cent of trips walked, transited or biked by 2030 Toronto must be more ambitious with the 2025-2027 Cycling Network Plan. We support Cycle Toronto's call for at least **150 km of new bikeways a year** to complete the 500 km Major City Wide Cycling Routes by 2030.

We hope to receive your unanimous support for the city staff recommendations outlined in IE13.2 to build a better Eglinton for all.

Thank you for making Toronto a safer, more sustainable place for everyone.

Sincerely,

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