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Supporting multi-modal trips and prioritizing transit

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

Dear Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

TTCriders is a membership-based transit advocacy organization. We are writing to express our support for the staff recommendations put forward by the General Manager of Transportation Services and outlined in IE13.2, which includes implementing 8 km of new bikeways on Eglinton Ave, which will support the LRT as well as make the corridor safer for the majority of people who rely on public transportation to get to around. Implementation of the bike lanes will support multimodal trips and make the corridor safer for people who walk.

We also encourage you to ensure the new bike lanes are compliant with the spirit of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and do not create new barriers. People with disabilities have raised concerns about inadequate tactile separation between sidewalk and bike lane, preferring stronger forms of separation such as a beveled curb.

Studies consistently show the lack of safe, connected cycling network infrastructure remains the biggest barrier to people biking and adopting active modes of transportation. In order for Toronto to meet their TransformTO climate action goals of 75% of trips walked, transited or biked by 2030—less than 7 years away—Toronto will need to be more ambitious about prioritizing transit routes and expanding the city's cycling network. TTCriders supports Cycle Toronto's call for Toronto's 2025-2027 Cycling Network Plan to include at least 150 km total and an average of over 50 km of new bikeways a year to complete the 500 km of the Major City Wide Cycling Routes by 2030.

We encourage you to support IE13.2 and to consider accessibility issues raised by people with disabilities in the design.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter,

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