



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.

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RE: IE:14.3 Cycling Network Plan Update 2025-27

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

Yonge4All strongly supports the extension of the complete street on Yonge from Davisville to Eglinton as part of the Cycling Network Plan Update 2025-2027 and we ask that extending the complete street north of Eglinton and south of Bloor be prioritized. Connecting the complete street on Yonge at Davisville to the soon-to-be implemented complete street on Eglinton Avenue provides a vital connection and will greatly enhance the use of the cycle tracks on both Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue. We also are pleased to see a new bikeway planned for Davisville Avenue, connecting Mount Pleasant Road to the complete street on Yonge Street and serving the active transportation needs of this high-density neighbourhood.

A robust safe cycling network is slowly emerging in Midtown with complete streets on Yonge, Eglinton and Bloor/Danforth. However, while Eglinton and Bloor/Danforth provide extensive east-west connectivity and are planned to expand, Yonge Street as the only north-south arterial complete street remains fragmented with only 4.2 km of protected bikeways compared to 21 km on Bloor/Danforth and 19 km on Eglinton. Toronto can, and should, do better.

Moving forward on a complete street on Yonge Street from Steeles Avenue to the Waterfront will connect approved complete street projects – REimagining Yonge (Sheppard to Finch), the Midtown Yonge Complete Street (Bloor to Eglinton as proposed) and Yonge TOMorrow (College to Queen). This will provide an active transportation corridor parallel to high-order rapid transit, service existing neighbourhoods and businesses as well as new transit-oriented density-intensification developments along Yonge, seamlessly connect with bikeways on Eglinton, Bloor/Danforth, Sheppard and Finch, and support both Vision Zero Road Safety Plan and the City's TransformTO goals of having all trips of 5 km or less to work and school be made by bike, on foot or on transit in areas beyond the downtown core.

But this vision of a connected and protected north-south spine on Yonge is mired in studies and, as presented in the Cycling Network Plan Update 2025-2027, shows no urgency in moving forward. We ask that Transportation Services accelerate this vital north/south connector sooner than currently planned, bringing Toronto closer to achieving its goals and creating a truly urban first-class city. The time for studies is past – in 2024 Toronto should not hesitate to complete our busy streets for all mobility needs and prepare for a sustainable future.

Thank you for your consideration,

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