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Deputy Mayor McKelvie and members of IEC
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
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RE: IE18.9 - Residential On-Street Parking for Cargo Bikes

Dear Deputy Mayor and IEC Chair McKelvie and members of IEC,

Cycle Toronto is writing to express disappointment over the city staff report which, in our view, fails to outline an equitable and sustainable solution that meets the growing role cargo bikes have on moving the city towards a sustainable multi-modal future. Toronto must take a more definitive stance in shifting the culture away from prioritizing car ownership.

Residents are increasingly seeking ways to reduce their dependence on car ownership to make life more affordable and sustainable. The use of cargo bikes to replace family vehicles is a trend that should be encouraged. People who replace their vehicle with a cargo bike should be allowed to access the public right of way that is dedicated to permit parking space. The city should invest in providing safe and secure storage options, above and beyond the singular bike corral option. If the City is serious about achieving TransformTO targets and Vision Zero, it is critical that people be encouraged and incentivized to adopt active modes of transportation. Allowing cargo bike users to park their vehicle without a permit or fee should be accommodate.

We urge you to direct staff to take a more comprehensive review of how the city can better accommodate the move to cargo bike adoption to reduce the number of personal automobiles clogging our streets. The role of cargo bike adoption will contribute to achieving TransformTO, Vision Zero and equity.

Thank you for your consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Stewart".

Alison Stewart
Director, Advocacy and Public Policy

Cycle Toronto is a member-supported charity that advocates to make Toronto a safe, healthy, and vibrant cycling city for all.