

February 26, 2025

## Re: IE19.1 - Cycling Network Plan - 2025 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - First Quarter Update

Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Don Valley West for Environmental Action is a group of Ward 15 residents working to build a greener, sustainable future for Don Valley West through community engagement and education. We are strong supporters of TransformTO, the City's plan to reach Net Zero by 2040, including the goal of having 75% of all trips to work and school of 5 km or less be made on transit, by walking or cycling by 2030. We recognize that having a safe cycling network to encourage more people to travel by bike is essential if we are to reach this critical goal.

We are pleased to see the continued expansion of safe cycling infrastructure as outlined in the report from the General Manager, Transportation Services and urge you to support the report's recommendations. Although there are no installations recommended within Don Valley West, we are encouraged by the innovative solutions proposed for both Bathurst Street and Ellesmere Avenue that could be adopted in areas within Ward 15. In addition, as many Ward 15 neighbourhoods are interested in traffic calming initiatives and transportation management plans, we are keen to see Neighbourhoods Streets Plans, as is being implemented in the Wallace Emerson neighbourhood, considered as an option in Ward 15 to both calm traffic, improve safety and support active transportation within neighbourhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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