

February 26, 2025

Toronto City Hall Infrastructure and Environment Committee 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2 Re: E19.3 Street 'A' Environmental Assessment Study (Ward 3)

Dear Chair McKelvie and committee members,

The Walk Toronto Steering Committee strongly supports the recommendations of the General Manager, Transportation Services regarding the preferred design for this new street to be built across the former Christie's site.

Walk Toronto is encouraged by the prioritization of safety and comfort for pedestrians in an area that currently sees poor pedestrian infrastructure and high speeds of vehicular traffic. We support the staff recommendation of design Alternative 1 which has two lanes for vehicular traffic, physical barrier between vehicular lane and cycle track, landscape infrastructure between the sidewalk and cycle tracks, with some dedication for vehicle lay-bys which we hope will help pedestrians who may be dropped off at the planned Park Lawn GO or local retail that may be established.

We bring attention to and appreciate the recommendation for unidirectional bike lanes in each direction, which are safer and easier for pedestrians to navigate. Also, landscaping between cycle tracks and sidewalks provides important noise and psychological buffering for pedestrians.

Sincerely,

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cc. Cllrs McKelvie, Lin, Colle, Morley, Pasternak, Perruzza, Saxe