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Attention: Matthew Green
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RE: IE28.7 Cycling Network Plan - 2022 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - First Quarter and 2021 ActiveTO Cycling Network Expansion Project Updates

Dear Chair Councillor McKelvie and Members, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

The Deer Park Residents Group represents residents in the area between the Beltline to the north and Woodlawn Avenue West and the properties on Jackes Avenue to the to the south, and Avenue Road to the west and Mt. Pleasant Cemetery and the Vale of Avoca to the east.

We support ActiveTO. Safe bike lanes are an important part of the City's transportation system, helping to reduce car use as part of TransformTO and CafeTO helps enliven the streets and support the businesses along our part of Yonge.

We appreciate that Councillor Matlow is currently working with Transportation staff and residents to resolve the ongoing concerns about the current installation of bike lanes and CurbTO installations. Congestion in our area can be exacerbated as our part of Yonge only has 4 lanes and we do not have a grid system of streets like Bloor and The Danforth where there are easy options for traffic.

Our concerns include:

- Congestion creating access and egress issues for residents of some streets as their access is only from Yonge, and residents on Balmoral and Woodlawn report difficulties in turning onto Yonge. In addition, congestion on Yonge is exacerbated on weekends by many Line 1 buses while the TTC switches are updated.
- Safety conditions due to the upcoming construction of major projects that use Yonge (One Delisle, the assisted living development at Yonge and Rosehill, and Bretton Place as well as major renovations at 5 Rosehill), which will result in construction traffic including cement trucks, which can create dangerous situations for cyclists and pedestrians. As well, a lane on Rosehill is to be closed. New actions may be required to ensure safety of cyclists and pedestrians, such as provisions in construction management plans as well as changes to the ActiveTO street designs.
- Lack of timely snow clearing problems for cycle tracks. Perhaps the planters should be moved or addressed otherwise to avoid the obstacles to snow-clearing.



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We therefore support recommendation 16.b of the report for our section of Yonge Street that is generally south of Mount Pleasant Cemetery to Woodlawn Ave West, "That City Council authorize the continuation of the temporary ActiveTO 2021 Cycling Network Expansion Projects listed below to July 31, 2023, inclusive, in order to provide sufficient time for Transportation Services to undertake additional data collection, monitoring evaluation and report back with recommendations to Infrastructure and Environment Committee and Council prior to July 31, 2023 regarding these projects."

Yours sincerely,
Cathie Macdonald
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CC Councillor Matlow