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Dear Ms. Mayer,

Re: Comments on EBR Registry Number: 012-8772, MTO Discussion Paper on Cycling Initiatives under the Climate Change Action Plan

On behalf of the Ontario Public Health Association and the members of its Built Environment Workgroup, we are pleased to provide comments related to the *Discussion Paper on Cycling Initiatives under the Climate Change Action Plan*. As a non-profit organization, OPHA is committed to providing leadership on issues affecting the public's health and strengthening the impact of the built environment on people's ability to be active throughout Ontario. We value the impact that the proposed actions to accelerate and enhance the implementation of #CycleON: Ontario's Cycling Strategy can have on the natural and built environment promoting the health and well-being of Ontarians. To truly impact health and climate change we strongly encourage the Ministry to allocate the full \$255 million toward making Ontario a premier cycling province.

We thank you in advance for considering our recommendations, included in the attached appendix, and look forward to future opportunities for consultation and discussion.

Sincerely,

Pegeen Walsh
 Executive Director, OPHA

About OPHA

Created in 1949, the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that brings together a broad spectrum of groups and individuals concerned about people's health. OPHA's members come from various backgrounds and sectors - from the various disciplines in public health, health care, academic, non-profit to the private sector. They are united by OPHA's mission of providing leadership on issues affecting the public's health and strengthening the impact of people, who are active in public and community health throughout Ontario. This mission is achieved through professional development, information and analysis on issues effecting community and public health, access to multidisciplinary networks, advocacy on health public policy and the provision of expertise and consultation.

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