

Wednesday, May 27th, 2020

To the City Clerk:

We are 32 Spokes, an active transportation advocacy group located in Beaches-East York in Toronto. We are people who use various forms of active transportation, including bicycles, to get around the city. We are strongly in favour of the plan to pilot a cycle track along the Danforth from Broadview to Dawes as outlined in item 2020.CC21.20 to go to Toronto City Council for consideration on Thursday, May 28, 2020. Danforth has approximately 3,000 people per day who already choose to cycle along its length despite the fact there is no dedicated cycling infrastructure. That is because it is the most obvious and convenient route to get from east to west and back again by bicycle.

Over the years we have talked to many people in the east end during our outreach activities who have said they would cycle more in their neighbourhood if only they felt safer on the Danforth. A recent Ekos poll by the David Suzuki Foundation also showed 67 per cent of people support adding a cycling route along the Danforth. Making Danforth a complete street, including with a cycle track, will bring people out on their bikes not only to use for transportation but also for shopping and dining locally.

In closing, we fully support Councillor Fletcher's and Bradford's #DestinationDanforth proposal to make the Danforth the vibrant destination we know it has the possibility of becoming by offering safe options for active transportation with the inclusion of cycle tracks.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Neary, on behalf of 32 Spokes
32spokesTO@gmail.com