

May 27, 2020

Mayor John Tory and Toronto City Councillors

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St W
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N1

Dear Mayor Tory and Toronto City Councillors,

RE: Corktown Toronto supports the Cycling Network Plan Installations, item #CC21.20

Over 80% of Corktown residents either cycle, walk or take transit to work. According to Statistics Canada, the percentage of people walking and biking to commute to work increased from 19% in 1996 to 47% in 2016 within the core of the city.¹ Our team at the Corktown Residents and Business Association knows it's time to stop catering to cars, just as other World-Class cities have done.

Will you support Corktown and Toronto residents' pleas to make it safer and easier to get around the city while supporting the local businesses we love?

Expanding transportation options must include building protected bike lanes – they're great for business and make streets safer for ALL users. I can tell you personally that most of the employees at my business commute to work by bike – I'd like them to arrive safely and stress-free.

I urge you all to support expanding Toronto's bike network for these reasons and because we know that so many people wish they could bike - if only it was safer. Please, back us up by voting yes to expand Toronto's cycling network and make our city streets safer for everyone.

Sincerely,

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¹ Katherine Savage, "Results from the 2016 Census: Commuting within Canada's largest cities," *Statistics Canada*, accessed 27 May 2020 <<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/75-006-x/2019001/article/00008-eng.htm>>.