



December 1, 2021
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RE: IE26.16 TransformTO - Critical Steps for Net Zero by 2040

Dear Councillor McKelvie, Chair, and Infrastructure and Environment Committee Members,

We are both encouraged by, and in support of, TransformTO's proposal to target 2040 as the year the City of Toronto reaches net zero GHG emissions. This is an ambitious but necessary target. We applaud the City for undertaking this leadership, and for accelerating the goal of having 75% of trips to work and school of 5 km or less be cycled, walked or by transit by 2030. This vital shift from personal vehicles to active transportation/transit will require a systematic approach to building out a safe cycling network that encourages people of all ages to cycle for transportation, as well as the provision of recognized critical supports of safe cycling education, secure bike parking at work and home, and, of course, access to a bike to ride.

There is considerable emphasis in the report on supporting the shift to electric vehicles. We would like to see additional emphasis on supporting the shift to bicycles, including electric bikes, which can allow people to bike further, and on more challenging terrain than might otherwise be practical. Therefore we would like to see the report be amended as follows (in bold):

14. City Council request the Government of Canada and federal agencies and corporations to:

c. implement new and maintain existing financial incentives to encourage the transition to electric vehicles, including:

1. maintain purchase incentives for new electric vehicles, **and electric and manual bicycles** and providing purchase incentives for used electric vehicles, and electric and manual bicycles;
2. provide financial incentives for home, workplace and fleet electric vehicle **and electric bicycle** charging infrastructure;
3. provide funding to provinces and municipalities for public electric vehicle **and electric bicycle** charging infrastructure;

We continue to support the expansion of a safe cycling network in Toronto as noted in our submission on IE 26.9 but call for this to be done at a faster pace through the allocation of more resources.

Secure and adequate bike parking is a requirement for all multi-residential buildings constructed after 2013. We would like to see the City explore funding opportunities to assist with providing secure bike parking in multi-residential buildings built before 2013, many of which are located in Neighbourhood Improvement Areas, as well as in workplaces.

Finally, we would encourage the City to offer learn-to-bike and safe cycling education in communities and workplaces where safe cycling infrastructure exists, or is in development, to help more people make the transition to active transportation.

Respectfully submitted,
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