



June 6, 2016

City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Att: Marilyn Toft, Secretariat, City Council

RE: PW 13.11 - 10-Year Cycling Network Plan

Dear Mayor Tory and Councillors,

This is to express our support for the 10 year Cycling Network Plan, including the \$16 million option with review in 2 years. The 2-year delivery plan will implement new projects on Bloor, Yonge (south of Bloor), Yonge (north of the 401), Danforth, Woodbine, Parliament, Lansdowne, the West Toronto Railpath, and a host of quiet street routes, laying a strong backbone to the Minimum Grid. However we also support Cycle Toronto's concerns about a couple of PWIC's recommendations to Council.

Delaying the Danforth Avenue Major Corridor Study: For the past year and a half, businesses and residents have been working together tirelessly to build a common vision for how cycling infrastructure can make Danforth Avenue more vibrant. We are disappointed to learn that the Danforth Avenue Major Corridor Study that was scheduled to begin in 2017 has been removed from the 10 year cycling network plan.

Furthermore, a Danforth Avenue Planning Study is already currently underway having been approved by City Council in 2014. It makes sense to coordinate the Planning Study with the Corridor Study. Too often at the City of Toronto, projects move forward in an uncoordinated way. Delaying the Danforth Avenue Major Corridor Study would be an irresponsible decision as the corridor study and planning study should happen together.

Proposed requirement for mandatory polling on bike lanes: While the 10-Year Bike Plan has great potential, it will not be met if the polling requirement proposal, to require the City to poll all residents and businesses near a project, unnecessarily adding time, money, and resources. Such a requirement is not applied to any other transportation project at the City with the exception of speed bumps, and even for those it causes excessive unnecessary expense and bureaucratic overhead, while not contributing to safety or transportation capacity. We urge you to vote against it.

Thank you,

Geoff Kettel and Louis Fliss
Cycle 26 Co-Chairs