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Subject: PW11.7 - Increasing the cycling budget to \$25 million
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Hello PWIC,

On behalf of the cyclists of Ward 28, please accept this email as an official request to have the cycling budget increased to \$25 million.

73% of Torontonians who don't currently bike say it is because of a lack of safe bike infrastructure. Just imagine how much nicer Toronto would be if there were more cyclists and less cars on our roads? It would be a much quieter and healthier city.

The Board of Health recommends dedicating at least \$20 million for cycling infrastructure – it is only with proper funding that we will be able to see the planning and implementation needed for adequate cycling infrastructure.

- Installing separated bike lanes costs 100 times less than building roads
- Proper funding would allow for better ongoing cycle track maintenance, specifically proper snow removal in winter
- Additional funding would support proper Toronto studies and the collection of data to help dispel the perceptions that car commuters are the majority (they take up the lion's share of the road)

But what makes the need for proper funding so urgent is for the safety of vulnerable road users. Cyclists are simply not equal to cars, yet cyclists are treated as if they are. This has created a toxic environment that puts cyclists in ongoing peril. A car driving at 50km an hour passing a bike going 6km an hour is simply unsafe. Until the city of Toronto implements better bike infrastructure and makes the roads as safe for vulnerable road users as it does for cars, both pedestrians and cyclists will continue to be placed in danger.

Please support funding bike infrastructure. Until the city begins shifting its policies and budget to supporting greener transportation alternatives, Toronto will increasingly become even more congested than it currently is.

Regards,

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