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RE: PW 13.11 Ten Year Cycling Network Plan

Dear Councillor Robinson and Members of Committee:

We provide this correspondence on behalf of Cycle 26, Ward 26 group of Cycle Toronto.

First, we support the Cycling Network Plan to begin building a city-wide network. Major corridors identified across the city include Bloor, Danforth, Yonge, Lakeshore, Jane, Midland, Kingston Rd and more. We also support the “corridor studies” on Bloor, North Yonge, and Downtown Yonge. We believe that a city-wide bicycle network that is viewed and built as an essential part of the city’s transportation infrastructure is long overdue

Second, located as we are in Mid-town Toronto we have our Bike network priorities, in and adjacent to Ward 26, only some of which are addressed in the 10 year Plan. We are pleased with:

- Bayview extension between Pottery Road and Moore Avenue
- The development of connections between some of the existing piecemeal bike lanes: e.g. Millwood Road – Southvale Drive – Moore Avenue
- Several new routes in Flemingdon Park and Thorncliffe Park especially TP Drive and Gateway Boulevard, which are very important for journey to school, and support efforts to increase bike riding

However we are disappointed with:

- The lack of major arterial (commuting) routes like: Bayview Avenue north of Moore, Don Mills Road, and Overlea Boulevard – major corridor studies are needed here to build a city wide network.
- Missing some badly needed multi-purpose trail connections such as (1) Redway Road between Millwood and Bayview (2) Station Road extension to Beth Neilson and (3) Leslie Street over to ET Seton Park and Don trail

Third, we are pleased with the proposed increase of \$4 million in the 2016 Capital Budget allocated to cycling infrastructure. However we feel that there needs to be ongoing annual increases of this order of magnitude, together with concomitant increases in staff resources, in order to make inroads to the backlog of work needed to create a safe and efficient cycling

infrastructure network in our city. City staff are recommending \$16 million per year under the 10 Year Network Plan which is a good step forward. **But that won't build a City-wide bike lane network soon enough.** We need City Council to boost the budget to \$25 million per year, getting Toronto a Minimum Grid in 6-7 years.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

Regards

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