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Re Item PW15.10 Cycling Facilities on Woodbine Avenue and Corley Avenue

Dear Members of Public Works and Infrastructure Committee,

We are writing to express our strong support for the City of Toronto's proposal to construct protected bike lanes on Woodbine Avenue between O'Connor Drive and Queen Street East.

We also support connecting contra-flow bike lanes on Corley Avenue between Woodbine Avenue, and on Brookside Drive and Norway Avenue between Woodbine Avenue and Elmer Avenue.

The expansion of bike lanes has been identified as a priority for our congregation, many of whom live in the East End of Toronto, and many of whom are active cyclists.

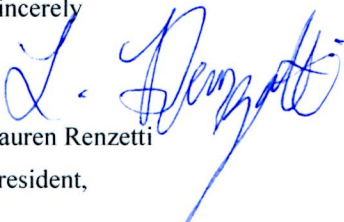
We believe bike lanes increase the safety of both drivers and cyclists, which in turn increases the number of people who choose to cycle, thus leading to healthier living, improved air quality and a more livable city.

Toronto is a city of cyclists. Over the last year, 1.5 million Torontonians cycled in the city. But 73% of Torontonians say a lack of cycling infrastructure is holding them back from riding more often.

The implementation of a safe cycling infrastructure is key to ensuring more Torontonians cycle and in ensuring the safety of all that use the roads.

Thank you for taking this important step forward towards implementing a broad network of protected bike lanes across Toronto.

Sincerely



Lauren Renzetti
President,



Rev. Wayne Walder
Minister,



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