

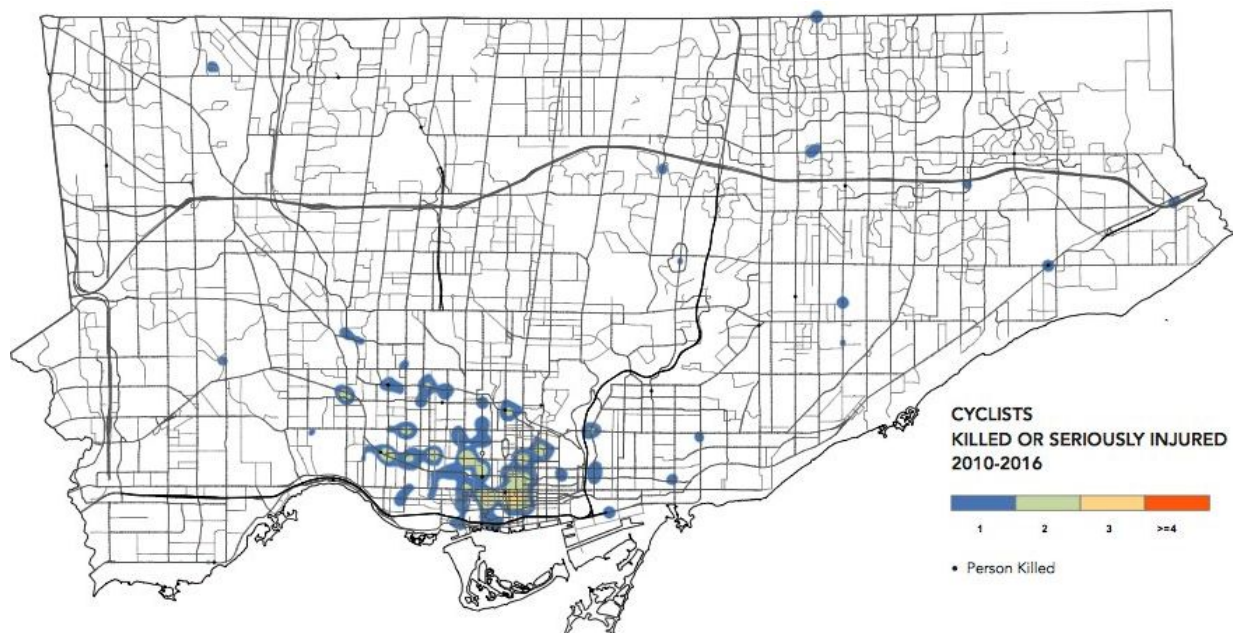
May 5, 2017

RE: PW21.8 -- Ten Year Cycling Network Plan: 2017 Bicycle Lane Installations

Dear Chair Jaye Robinson and Members of Public Works and Infrastructure Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Cycle Toronto regarding PW21.8. **We are pleased to see the investments identified by City staff but are concerned about Toronto's continued underinvestment in our protected bike lane network.**

As a part of the Road Safety Plan collision analysis, City staff published an updated analysis of cyclists 'Killed or Seriously Injured' ("KSI") on Toronto streets. The vast majority of cycling KSIs occur in downtown Toronto where cycling ridership is highest.

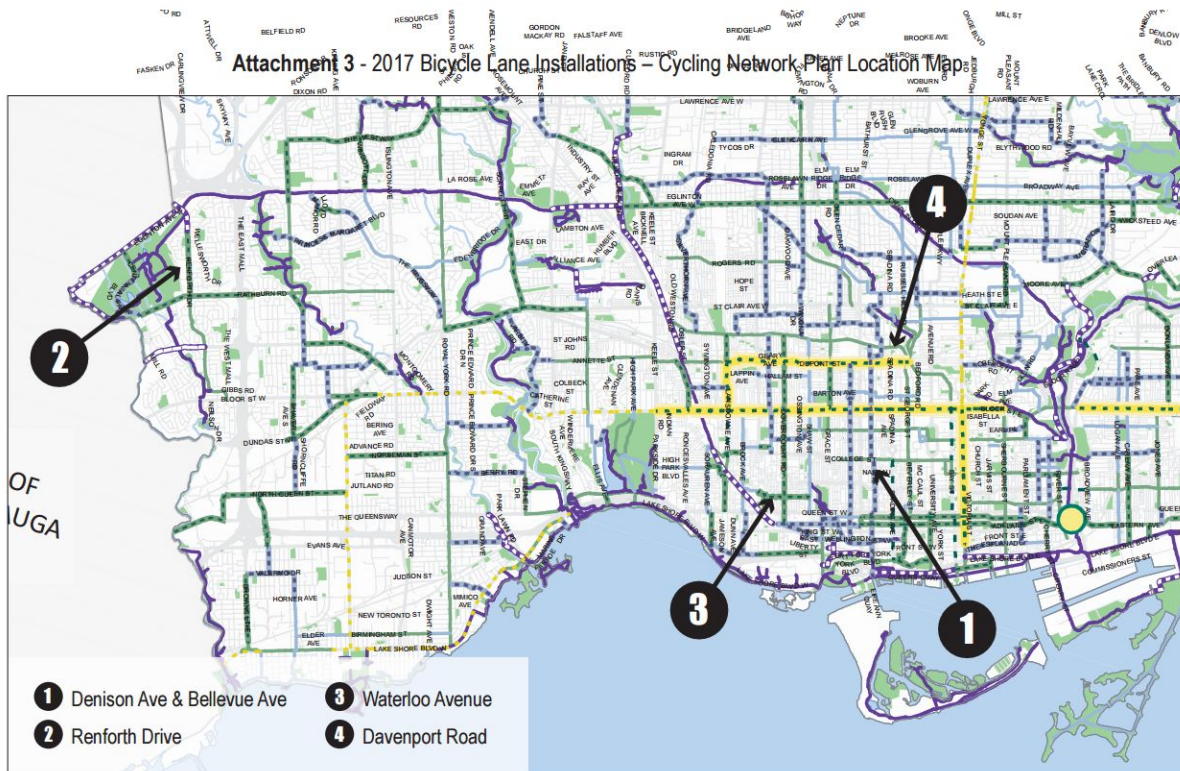


For 2017 installations, City staff have proposed: bicycle lanes on Renforth; contraflow lanes on Denison, Bellevue, Wolseley and Waterloo; and, filling a small gap on Davenport.



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It is important to note that there are additional on-street cycling routes to be installed this year including cycle tracks on Lakeshore Blvd W (between Norris and First) and Woodbine Ave (between O'Connor and Dixon). There are also several off-street multi-use trails that are scheduled for installation this year.

We welcome the proposed 2017 installations. However, we are concerned that Toronto is dangerously under-investing in cycling infrastructure on streets that desperately need it.

Toronto's cycling network is based primarily on protected bicycle lanes on main streets, painted bicycle lanes on local roads and multi-use trails in parks and ravines. The pace of installation of multi-use trails and local street connections has been steady.

However, we have had a dramatic under investment in protected bike lanes (cycle tracks) on main streets:



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Status of the Cycling Network

(last updated June 11, 2016)

On-Street Cycling Infrastructure	(lane kilometers)
Cycle Tracks	18.7
White bicycle lanes	216.8
Yellow 'contra-flow' bicycle lanes	7.5
Signed Routes with shared lane pavement markings ("sharrows")	34.4
Signed routes (no pavement markings)	302
On-Street Total	579.4

Multi-use Trails	(centerline kilometers)
Off road Trails, including Rail Trails, Hydro Corridor Trails, Boulevard Trails and Major parks Trails.	300*
* Trails which are classified as part of the Cycling Network are typically two-ways, with a centerline. If the "lane km" distance for each centerline kilometer is to be calculated, the approximate figure is therefore 600 km.	



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Protected bike lanes were largely described as Major Corridor Studies in the 10 Year Cycling Network Plan. However, aside from Bloor from Keele to Sherbourne Streets, Yonge north of the 401 and Yonge south of Bloor, **all Major Corridor Studies were put on hold until late 2018**. What's more, protected bike lanes on Yonge north of the 401 are now under threat (see [PW21.9](#)) and Yonge south of Bloor is years away.

National peers, such as Montreal, Vancouver and Edmonton, have made major investments in their networks of protected bike lanes. Other Vision Zero cities, like New York City, have also made considerable investments in their network of protected bike lanes.

Two years is too long to wait to proceed with studies for protected bike lanes. We urge members of PWIC to

- 1) Approve the proposed 2017 bike infrastructure as recommended by City staff
- 2) Accelerate more in 2017 to achieve Vision Zero including,
 - a) Green light the Major Corridor Studies included in the 10 Year Cycling Network Plan and build this life saving infrastructure to fulfill Toronto's goal of eliminating traffic fatalities
 - b) Invest in improvements to existing infrastructure in areas of critical risk, as highlighted in City staff's 2010-2016 cycling KSI analysis

Sincerely,



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Cycle Toronto is a diverse, member-supported organization that advocates for a healthy, safe, cycling-friendly city for all and currently represents over 2,700 Torontonians.

