



Toronto City Council
Mayor John Tory

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Re: We support a Danforth bike lane pilot

32 Spokes is a cycling advocacy group in Beaches-East York. We are local residents who ride bikes as well as walk, drive and take the TTC.

We support the advancement of bike lane project installations mentioned in the agenda item and specifically we ask that council support the Danforth Avenue bike lane pilot for implementation as soon as possible.

Recently, the city's Environmental and Infrastructure Committee adopted motions put forward by our Councillor Brad Bradford and Ward 14 Councillor Paula Fletcher to bring a bike lane pilot to Danforth Ave, from Broadview to Dawes. This is an exciting first step to bringing a safe and complete street vision to our community as part of the city's "Vision Zero" campaign. Not only to make our streets safer, which is a concern we all share, but to transform the streets so that they serve our needs as a community.

Our streets hold the pulse of our city but they can also serve as a destination. We have seen how inventive redesign of streets in cities [across North America](#) has transformed neighbourhoods, been good for business and property values, and made them more walkable. Danforth is on the brink of positive change and the street should reflect what we want and our values. Multi-modal pilots like the one proposed for Danforth have begun to transform Toronto. We have seen "Field of Dreams" effect bike lanes are having on Richmond and Adelaide ([over 6000 people now use this corridor, a 1500% increase that continues to grow](#)). We have seen the changes on King Street prioritize transit so people can move more quickly and efficiently but also transform pedestrian life on that street; it's now quieter and more hospitable and lined with sidewalk furniture encouraging people to visit and stay awhile.

We will see the same thing happen on Danforth Avenue, and more. We are eager to soon share a beautiful east end success story.

Together we can make our streets safer, livelier, and built for us.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Mackey, on behalf of 32 Spokes