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Councillor James Pasternak
Chair, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
100 Queen St. W

Re: IE14.12 Updates on Improvements to the Bike Lanes on Dundas Street East

Dear Chair and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

We want to begin by thanking the staff at Transportation Services for their hard work in implementing the ActiveTO projects, including Destination Danforth. Their dedication and commitment to our city has never been clearer.

Today we are writing in regards to the report (IE 14.12) on the Dundas Bike Lane.

The report identifies that Dundas is normally used by 2,500 cyclists each day making it one of the busiest bike lanes outside of the downtown core. While it conformed to the best practice of 2003 its design offers less protection than other, newer cycle tracks.

In 2019 a design was piloted that increased protection at Dundas and Jones, where a tragic fatality occurred in 2018. Other cycling collisions on Dundas have primarily occurred at intersections.

This report also mentions a potential future upgrading of Dundas to a cycle track and it would be good to have an idea of when this can be added to the work plan.

Until such time as a permanent cycle track can be installed we would like to increase protection at intersections to keep cyclists safe.

We would like the committee's support for our recommendations for intersection improvements and temporary separation as soon as this summer, while staff prepare a complete timeline for consultation and implementation of a full cycle track.

We would also like your support to identify a North/South connection to serve riders in Toronto-Danforth/East York and those riding the Cosburn Bike Lane. Currently the only North/South connection is Woodbine, which is relatively further east than is ideal for many cyclists in East York. The Cycling Counts from the Danforth Corridor Study show that the largest number of riders begin their journey between Pape and Donlands. A second North/South connection besides Woodbine is critically needed.

Recommendations:

1. Request Transportation Services to continue upgrade the cycle lane at all intersections along Dundas Street East between Broadview and Kingston Road to include separation and protection.
2. Request Transportation Services to immediately implement temporary separation along Dundas Street East between Broadview and Kingston Road where possible.
3. Request Transportation Services report to the October 6th 2020 meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on:
 - a. A timeline for upgrading Dundas Street East to a Cycle Track, including consultation and construction.
 - b. Suitable connections between the Danforth and the Cosburn Bike Lanes in Ward 14 and timelines for consultation, design and installation.
 - c. Update on design and implementation for recommendations 1 and 2.

Sincerely,



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