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Cc: [Mayor Tory](#); [Councillor Jaye Robinson](#); [Barbara Gray](#); [Jacquelyn Hayward](#)
Subject: My comments for 2021.IE20.12 on April 7, 2021 City Council - IE20.12 - ActiveTO: Lessons Learned from 2020 and Next Steps for 2021 – Overlea Blvd
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the April 7, 2021 City Council meeting on item 2021.IE20.12, ActiveTO - Lessons Learned from 2020 and Next Steps for 2021

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Comments:

Dear Councillor McKelvie, Infrastructure and Environment Committee Chair and Committee members,

The Women's Cycling Network is a grassroots group of women, mostly from Thorncliffe Park, Flemingdon Park and nearby communities, who bike for health benefits, transportation, freedom, and empowerment. We want to add our voices to the parents, students and teachers from the Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park communities who spoke to the committee On March 23rd about the future of the Overlea Bridge. The conditions on the bridge have been unsafe for many years. There is not enough space for people who walk, dangerous conditions for those who bike, the railings and barriers are inadequate, and everyone is at risk due to excessive speeding. Something needs to be done.

Our young people must cross this bridge every day to get to school and they deserve a safe space to travel. It is the only link between our two communities, which are interconnected in many ways, and the bridge needs to be safer for everyone who must go across it. The Overlea Bridge could be an asset for our community as it spans the beautiful Don Valley but people just don't feel safe enough on the bridge to spend any time there.

We understand that a project for the Overlea Bridge has been "under consideration" since last spring. We urge you to listen to our community and take action now to make the bridge safer for everyone.

Thank you.

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Cc. Mayor John Tory

Councillor Jaye Robinson

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