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Subject: IE22.11 - Cycling Network Plan - 2021, Esplanade & Mill
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 25, 2021 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item IE22.11 Cycling Network Plan - 2021.

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Dear Infrastructure & Environment Committee Members,

We represent the concerns of cyclists in ward 13 and we wish to express our support for staff recommendations for item IE22.11 - Cycling Network Plan - 2021, in particular enhancements on The Esplanade (from Yonge Street to Berkeley Street) and Mill Street (from Parliament Street to Bayview Avenue).

In the fall of 2018, many neighbourhood volunteers contributed to a traffic audit in the St Lawrence Neighbourhood. We found many traffic infractions, including speeding and cars blocking intersections as people were crossing. This shouldn't be surprising as Lower Jarvis and The Esplanade is in the top 10 of Toronto intersections for red light camera infractions.

The goals of the Esplanade and Mill plan of reducing traffic speed, separating people walking and biking, reducing non-local traffic, creating protected intersections, adding zebra crossings, and improving the timing of local buses are all to improve safety for vulnerable road users.

This project will also add necessary connections for people biking, which, especially in this last year, we know is crucial for the health of residents and for improved access to shopping, school and employment. Additionally, improvements to The Esplanade and Mill Street will benefit and support the Crombie Park Revitalization plan. We hope this plan may also induce other ideas such as reduced parking and traffic on important side streets as Market as well.

In summation, the plan proposed by city staff will make our neighbourhoods safer places to live, work, learn and play. While there are certainly commercial interests to consider, we know businesses are healthier when their neighbours and customers are healthier.

Thank you,
Peter Rogers
On behalf of Toronto Centre Cyclists.