



Councillor Paul W. Ainslie
City of Toronto Councillor
Ward 24 Scarborough-Guildwood

Chair, General Government and Licensing Committee
Chair, Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo
Chair, Federation of Ontario Public Libraries



Email: councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca

Website: www.paulainslie.com

Councillor Paul Ainslie Scarborough-Guildwood

Ward 24 Scarborough-Guildwood

@Ainslie_ward24

Date: October 12, 2021
To: Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee
Re: Galloway Road Bike Lane Upgrades

Recommendation:

1. That City Council requests the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with any necessary City Divisions, to:
 - a. Advance the term program to upgrade the current signed bikeway to designated bike lanes;
 - b. Explore the installation of green pedestrian infrastructure; and
 - c. Host public community consultation with affected area residents of the Guildwood Village community, Scarborough-Guildwood.

And report to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee within Q1 2022 on their progress and next steps.

Background

Galloway Road is a 1.9 km stretch that runs through two of Scarborough-Guildwood's neighbourhoods servicing hundreds of diverse families and residents. Galloway Road is an existing signed bikeway and is expected to see programmed upgrades with designated marked bike lanes by 2024, the earliest. This upgrade is expected on Galloway Road between Guildwood Parkway and Coronation Drive.

I am requesting that the designated bikeway project term for Galloway Road be advanced to increase the cycling infrastructure in eastern Scarborough and request that the installation of green pedestrian infrastructure be explored with the consideration of public consultation from area residents.

Many local residents have reached out to my office with concerns regarding speeding and increased traffic volume. Without appropriate pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in place, the safety concerns continue to climb.

Adding designated bike lanes, via markings and/or flex posts, coupled with green pedestrian infrastructure to Galloway Road will help encourage walking and cycling and reduce road space to prevent speeding and dangerous driving. The addition of green pedestrian infrastructure could also help in increasing tree canopy with native trees, shrubs and pollinator patches.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Ainslie

City of Toronto Councillor

Ward 24 Scarborough-Guildwood

Constituency Office
Scarborough Civic Centre
150 Borough Drive
Scarborough, ON M1P 4N7
Tel: 416-396-7222

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West, Suite C52
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Tel: 416-392-4008
Fax: 416-392-4006