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Subject: My comments for 2021.IE22.11 on May 25, 2021 Infrastructure and Environment Committee
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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 2021.IE22.11, Cycling Network Plan - 2021 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - Second Quarter Update and Missing Link Sidewalk Program - 2021 Local Road Sidewalk Installation

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Comments:

Dear Infrastructure and Environment Ctte Members,

I hope this note finds you safe and healthy.

I am writing on behalf of the **David Suzuki Foundation** to urge your **support** for the cycling infrastructure and speed limit reductions recommended in the staff report. Active transportation, including walking and cycling, is always important – and especially so during the pandemic. The proposed cycling infrastructure will promote road safety and physical distancing while helping the city meet its greenhouse gas reduction targets. The cycle tracks will also give our businesses a much needed boost by making it easier for customers to reach stores and restaurants by bike.

We have just two additional points:

1. We note that the report does not include cycling infrastructure for **Scarborough**. We urge you to build protected cycle tracks in this part of the city at the earliest opportunity. The cycling network must truly be city-wide and support people on bikes from every corner of Toronto.
2. We want to stress that cycling infrastructure should include **physical barriers** between cyclists and motorists. This is especially important on Martin Grove and Rathburn. On these busy thoroughfares we urge you to install concrete curbs. Paint on the road is simply insufficient if we want to make this infrastructure attractive to cyclists of all ages and abilities. Only physically-separated lanes will provide adequate safety – and that means safety for people on bikes as well as for motorists. When we build protected cycle tracks, *all* road-users benefit.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our requests.

Yours,

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The David Suzuki Foundation