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Subject: IE28.7 -- Cycling Network Plan
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Attachments: [IE28.7 for Bike Brigade.pdf](#)

Please find attached The Bike Brigade's letter in support of item IE28.7.

We understand that the City of Toronto Act, 2006 and the City of Toronto Municipal Code authorize the City of Toronto to collect any personal information in our communication or presentation to City Council or its Committees and Boards. We are aware that our name and the fact that we communicated with the City will become part of the public record and will appear on the City's website.

Best regards,

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Dear Members of Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Our community of 1,000+ volunteers at the Bike Brigade has greatly benefited from the rapid increase of new and upgraded cycling infrastructure over the past two years. We're not professional couriers. We're people who have been moved to help our community through a spirit of solidarity not charity. A connected network of safe streets helps grow our capacity and our reach.

We are writing **in support of all the cycling projects in this report**. We are pleased to see 10 kilometres of new bikeways including the Bartlett-Havelock-Gladstone contraflow and Wellington cycle tracks, and 5 kilometres of upgrades to existing bikeways including on College St between Bay St and Manning St to cycle tracks. We are also pleased to see numerous projects outside the downtown core including the Queensway Complete Streets, Sheppard Ave E, Willowdale Ave, and York U connections via Sentinel Rd. These projects would improve the safety and convenience of our volunteers, allowing us to partner with more clients and help reach more people in need of food and essentials.

We also **support keeping the ActiveTO bikeways on Yonge St and Bayview Ave**, and hope both projects are expanded and made permanent. We also believe keeping bikeways on Yonge should not preclude the city from extending the University Ave bikeways up Avenue Rd (both in the near-term on a temporary basis through ActiveTO and [permanently as part of a new linear park](#)).

We urge you to ensure this report **keeps the city on track to connect, grow, and renew ~30 kilometres of bikeways this year** (approaching the historic success of 2020 thanks to the ActiveTO program) per the [2022-2024 Near-Term Implementation Program approved by Council in December](#).

Yours sincerely,

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Since the start of the pandemic, the Bike Brigade community—now 1,000+ volunteers—has delivered over 20,000 hot meals and 10,000 food boxes by bikes and trikes to sustainably address food insecurity in Toronto. We’ve ridden thousands of kilometers and reduced up to 10 tonnes (CO₂) GHG emissions by replacing vehicles with bikes.

cc: [John Tory](#), Mayor of Toronto
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