

July 5, 2022

RE: IE31.12 – Renewing Overlea Boulevard  
Cycling Network Plan - 2022 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - Second Quarter Project Updates

Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

Established in the 1980s, the Leaside Towers Tenants Association (LTTA) is a volunteer, resident-led group that represents the tenants of 85 and 95 Thorncliffe Park Drive on concerns relating to their apartment tenancies, as well as matters of broader importance to the Thorncliffe Park community.

As an active participant in the Renewing Overlea Boulevard Group Stakeholder Meetings, the LTTA fully supports the staff recommendations in IE31.12.

The LTTA, representing its diverse membership, sought to achieve a balance in this project to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety while maintaining Overlea's established and important functions as a public transit corridor and as the gateway to the Thorncliffe Park neighbourhood.

Our association looks forward to new and safer community infrastructure such as cycle tracks, protected intersections, wider sidewalks, and the banning of right turns on red lights.

The LTTA is also satisfied that the recommendations ensure that TTC service along Overlea Boulevard will remain safe, accessible, and frequent at the completion of the Renewing Overlea project.

We regret that the project will result in the loss of several existing City trees along Overlea Boulevard, but sincerely appreciate the project team's commitment to enhance the character of our main street, including the retention of the eastern Thorncliffe Park 'Gateway Monument.' We look forward to continuing to work with the City and StreetARToronto during the detailed design phase.

The LTTA requests the Committee to:

1. Continue to prioritize the voices of Thorncliffe and Flemingdon residents (Postal codes M4H and M3C) and Thorncliffe and Flemingdon resident-led groups in the detailed design phase.
2. Provide replacement trees in Thorncliffe Park, including new plantings on City-owned lands and private properties such as apartment buildings and businesses, to compensate for those trees lost due to the project.
3. Rebuild the remainder of Overlea Boulevard west to Millwood Road using the design decisions recommended by staff in the Renewing Overlea report.

Thank you,

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