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Infrastructure and Environment Committee  
City of Toronto  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

**RE: IE31.13 Port Lands Flood Protection - Interim Road Opening (Cycling Infrastructure)**

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

**Cycle Toronto is supportive of the staff recommendations regarding the proposed Cycling Infrastructure as part of an interim solution needed to adjust Cherry Street for the new Cherry Street alignment, Commissioners Street extension and current Cherry Street.** With high volumes of people walking, biking and running along this important corridor that connects people to the lake it is essential that maintaining a safe and separated passage for people during the ongoing construction in the area is prioritized.

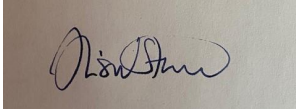
To ensure the ongoing safety of people who travel along this corridor, Cycle Toronto strongly recommends City Staff prioritize the safety of vulnerable road users while sustainable development is being built by:

1. **Using jersey barriers to protect cyclists from the large construction trucks** frequenting the area
2. **Monitoring the drainage along the roadway regularly** to ensure that the bike lanes and cycle tracks are safe and clear of any excess dirt or excessive pooling water
3. Ensuring there is **wayfaring signage that communicates the detour route for cyclists**
4. **Outlining how the temporary cycle track along the west side of Cherry St, south of Polson is going to cross Cherry to the existing MGT** (on the east side of Cherry just north of the lift bridge over the Shipping Channel) will be addressed to ensure that this busy intersection will prioritize the safety of people biking and walking.
5. **Reducing the width of traffic lanes so that the high volume cycle track can be built to the minimum standard 3.6m** with a separate pedestrian walkway, according to the [Toronto Trail Design Guidelines](#) (pages 15-59).

By making these additional improvements, the city will be prioritizing the safety of some of Toronto's most vulnerable residents while maintaining safe access to the lake so people can participate in the wide range of healthy outdoor activities available to them.

We hope that you will adopt the above recommendations which will contribute to making Toronto a safer, healthier, more vibrant, more affordable, and more equitable city.

Sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Alison Stewart".

Alison Stewart  
Senior Advocacy Manager

*Je suis bilingue et vous invite à communiquer avec moi en français.*

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