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Toronto City Hall
Infrastructure and Environment Committee
100 Queen Street West
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RE: IE3.8 - Cycling Network Plan: 2023 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - Second Quarter Updates and Missing Sidewalk Program - 2023 Local Road Sidewalk Installations (Ward 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24)

Dear Chair McKelvie and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Over the past few years the city has made much progress with the expansion of the cycling network, and we would like to applaud city staff's efforts to implement 100 km of cycling infrastructure as part of the council approved 2022-2024 Cycling Network Plan. We are writing in support of the many improvements proposed in the aforementioned IE3.8.

In order to ensure the successful implementation of the 2022-2024 Cycling Network Plan and future near term plans, we recommend granting Transportation Services delegated authority once it is approved by Council. In addition to supporting TransformTO goals, this action would make the process more efficient and contribute to managing the public and political strife that comes when the removal of vehicular traffic lanes is proposed.

We are pleased to see the following cycling projects being recommended in equity deserving communities where residents have few safe transportation options:

- **The proposed Millwood Road Safety Improvements will make it safer for people waiting for the bus by providing them with a buffer from vehicular traffic, pedestrians and cyclists.** The road safety improvements will make it much safer for the many students that rely on this route, workers travelling to Sunnybrook Hospital, as well as making the area safer for the residents of Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park communities who deserve access to transportation options.
- **The installation of 4 km of new bikeways on Scarborough Golf Club from Ellesmere Road to Kingston Road represent an important step towards giving residents of Ward 24 an important safe cycling route.**
 - While positive change is finally coming to Scarborough, it is disappointing that these road safety improvements will be implemented in small segments and will

not begin until 2024-2025. We are therefore calling on the City to expedite this road reconstruction.

With the 2030 deadline fast approaching, achieving the TransformTO target of having 75% of trips under 5 km taken on foot, transit or bike, hinges on investing in expanding active and multi-modal transportation infrastructure so that Torontonians have safe and convenient access to active transportation options, regardless of where they live.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Stewart".

Alison Stewart

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Cycle Toronto is a member-supported non-profit organization that works to make Toronto a safe, healthy, and vibrant cycling city for all.