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Toronto City Hall  
Infrastructure and Environment Committee  
100 Queen Street West  
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**RE: IE4.3 - Cycling Network Plan - 2023 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - Third Quarter Updates (Wards: 2 - Etobicoke Centre, 3 - Etobicoke - Lakeshore, 4 - Parkdale - High Park, 9 - Davenport, 13 - Toronto Centre, 14 - Toronto - Danforth, 17 - Don Valley North, 22 - Scarborough - Agincourt)**

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 in implementing 100 km of cycling infrastructure as part of the council approved 2022-2024 Cycling Network Plan. As such, we would like to thank you for keeping Toronto moving more sustainably and equitably.

**We are writing in support of the many improvements proposed in IE4.3:**

- The **installation of 8.6 km of NEW bikeways** across eight wards:
  - Bloor Street from Runnymede Road to Resurrection Road, uni-directional cycle tracks;
  - Gladstone Avenue from Dundas Street to Peel Avenue, contra-flow bike lane;
  - Gerrard Street from Parliament Street to Sumach Street, bi-directional cycle track;
  - Sumach Street from Wellesley Avenue to Gerrard Street, contra-flow bike lane;
  - Sackville Street from Wellesley Avenue to Gerrard Street, contra-flow bike lane;
  - Ontario Street from Carlton Street to Aberdeen Avenue, contra-flow bike lane;
  - Sheppard Avenue from Clairtrell Road to Leslie Avenue, uni-directional cycle tracks;
  - Superior Avenue from Lake Shore Boulevard and Stanley Avenue, uni-directional cycle tracks;

- Dundas Street from Hiltz Avenue to Alton Avenue, uni-directional cycle tracks; and
- Dundas Street from Rhodes Avenue to Coxwell Avenue, uni-directional cycle tracks.
- The **authority to address operational and safety issues within approved projects** by implementing changes directly to Council for by-law amendments.

If Toronto is going to meet its TransformTO goal of having 75% of all trips under 5 km taken by biking, walking or taking transit by 2030, we need to implement safe cycling and pedestrian infrastructure across the city, especially in areas that lack access to safe active modes of transportation. The lack of safe infrastructure remains the biggest barrier to people biking and adopting active modes of transportation. Additionally, having Complete Streets that force vehicular traffic to slow down is the best way for Toronto to meet the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan, which acknowledges that every fatality and serious road injury is preventable. To help expedite the work needed, Cycle Toronto has been advocating to streamline the reporting process for the by-law amendment submissions for all approved cycling infrastructure projects.

We hope to receive your unanimous support and vote in favour of the city staff recommendations outlined in IE4.3. We would also like to applaud the detailed and thorough work of city staff, as demonstrated in their thorough report.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter and for your support and commitment to keep Toronto moving with active modes of transportation.

Sincerely,



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