

May 27, 2024

Infrastructure and Environment Committee (IEC)

Toronto City Hall

100 Queen St W

Toronto, M5H 2N2

Re: IE14.3 - Cycling Network Plan Update (2025 - 2027)

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

My name is Lanrick Bennett Jr and I am writing to you as The Bicycle Mayor to urge you to adopt a more ambitious cycling network plan that includes 150 km of new bikeways over the next three years. *Just five months into the year, there have already been as many cyclist deaths in 2024 as the previous three years combined.* A city-wide connected network of safe infrastructure is essential for the city to achieve Vision Zero. This will benefit everyone.

Only safe Infrastructure protects vulnerable workers and road users who rely on bikes or other mobility devices to get to where they need to be. The proposed 2025-2027 Cycling Network Plan (CNP) fails to put the city on track to meet its climate action targets and road safety goals. While this plan includes many outstanding projects that will be meaningful upgrades to our cycling network, Toronto urgently needs more.

Paris and Montreal have demonstrated that leading transformation by expanding their respective cycling networks benefits everyone. It reduces congestion, reduces climate emissions, and improves the vibrancy of the city. Large areas in Etobicoke, North York, and Scarborough do not have equitable access to safe cycling routes, Bike Share Stations, and have farther to travel to join transit.

We are concerned that the approval of the plan is in principle only. It is not a commitment to successfully implement and build anything. In fact, nearly 25% of the proposed kms are not “new” but recycled routes the city failed to implement in the current 2022-2024 plan. There’s no accountability to ensure the proposed projects will be implemented in the next three years. Our TransformTO climate action goal of achieving 75% of trips under 5 km walked, transited or biked by 2030 is less than 7 years away. The Bicycle Mayor of Toronto urges you to bring

forward a more ambitious plan that includes 150 km of new cycling infrastructure over the next three years.

Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.

Lanrick Bennett Jr.



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