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Dear City Council,

I want to commend your leadership on the city's recent progress in building, upgrading, and expanding Toronto's cycling network, but I'm disappointed that the proposed 100 km 2025-2027 Cycling Network Plan (CNP) is just "business as planned".

While this plan includes many outstanding projects that will be meaningful upgrades to our growing cycling network, and make it more convenient for more people to choose to ride a bike, I expected more. Torontonians deserve a more ambitious vision.

This proposed plan fails to keep pace with the city's own policies on the climate, road safety, and congestion.

Toronto's Climate Change Readiness report presented to Council earlier this year is blunt: we are falling behind on our TransformTO climate action goals and not on pace to meet our greenhouse gas emission targets and achieve net zero goal by 2040. A key pillar of this strategy is to dramatically increase the share of people who walk or use their bikes to make short trips to work or school by 2030—less than 7 years away. The report notes:

There is more access to safe walking and biking infrastructure than before the pandemic, but Toronto's Cycling Network Plan remains on a Business as Planned (BAP) pace instead of the ambitious build-out seen in the NZ40 scenario....

Just six 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 eliminate traffic violence and make Vision Zero a reality. Because of the lack of ambition in large areas of Etobicoke, North York, and Scarborough, it will continue to be unsafe for people to bike in their neighborhoods.

Giving more people more safe, convenient transportation options is essential to tackling traffic and congestion facing our growing city. Kurtis McBride, CEO of Miovision and a member of the Toronto's congestion task force, recently noted that dealing with traffic is more than dealing with cars:

"In my opinion, this task force shouldn't be only about trying to minimize congestion; it should be about trying to optimize the overall performance of the traffic network, which includes all modes of transportation. To encourage people to walk or bike, you have to make sure it's safe and pleasant to do so."

Other major cities like Montréal under Mayor Valérie Plante and Paris under Mayor Anne Hidalgo are making headlines and transforming communities—and winning reelections—by creating friendlier public realms by accelerating their cycling networks. 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. I want to see the same in our city. Every Torontonians should feel safe to ride a bike in their neighborhood.

But in order to accomplish this, we need an even more ambitious vision for the 2025-2027 CNP and build 150 km of new bikeways over the next 3 years.

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