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Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON

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RE: CC23.1 - Respecting Local Democracy and Cities & MM23.14 - Provincial Overreach and Toronto's Infrastructure

Mayor Chow and members of City Council,

Walk Toronto objects to Bill 212 and supports Council in taking action to affirm its municipal authority on any decisions around bike lanes.

Walk Toronto has long championed the installation of Complete Street infrastructure in the City of Toronto, including bike lanes as a necessary component of that infrastructure.

Walk Toronto has supported these bike lanes as essential infrastructure that buffers pedestrians on sidewalks, as well as encouraging more mindful decision-making by drivers as they navigate turns at intersections.

Specifically, removal of the existing bike lanes on Bloor/Danforth, Yonge, and University would decrease safety for the thousands of pedestrians who walk adjacent sidewalks daily.

Creating the infrastructure to protect the lives of people who choose active and public modes of transportation is necessary if Toronto is to ensure its commitment to both VisionZero and TransformTO strategies.

To reiterate, Walk Toronto fully endorses motions by Mayor Chow (CC23.1 – Respecting Local Democracy and Cities) and that of Councillors Saxe and Morley (MM23.14 - Provincial Overreach and Toronto's Infrastructure).

Sincerely,

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Walk Toronto is grassroots, volunteer pedestrian advocacy group organization that works to improve walking conditions and safety in Toronto.