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Toronto City Council  
100 Queen St. W.  
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**RE: TE17.24 - Maintenance of Bike Lanes around Construction Projects**

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of Council,

Cycle Toronto is writing in support of developing a street sweeping service standard for cycling infrastructure, whether physically separated or non-separated, as well as outlining a complaint based and enforcement regime that will preserve the integrity of Toronto's cycling network.

This isn't about convenience. It's about safety. This work must also include ensuring our bikeways are safe and passable to avoid another tragedy like the young woman who was killed riding her bike along Bloor this summer trying to avoid a dumpster bin blocking the lane.

We also ask you to direct staff to review Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) - Book 7 - Temporary Conditions, and pass appropriate by-laws for further Toronto-specific recommendations that prioritize the safety of vulnerable road users.

Along with the updated bikeway winter maintenance plan introduced by Councillor Saxe on item 2024.IE10.3, ensuring the maintenance of bikeways by keeping them free and clear of debris, year-round, is essential to ensuring the safe and comfortable passage of the growing number of people who cycle in Toronto.

We look forward to being involved with the development of the city's street sweeping service standard with the objective of protecting Toronto's growing cycling network.

Best regards,

Michael Longfield  
Executive Director

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