From: Palmerston Residents" Association
To: Infrastructure and Environment

Subject: [External Sender] My comments for 2024.IE10.2 on January 9, 2024 Infrastructure and Environment Committee

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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the January 9, 2024 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2024.IE10.2, Cycling Network Plan: 2024 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - First Quarter Update

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Please find our comments in the attached document.

Thanks.



Palmerston Residents' Association

Infrastructure and Environment Committee
Toronto City Hall
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January 6, 2024

Dear Members of Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Re: IE10.2 - Cycling Network Plan: 2024 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - First Quarter Update

As members of the Palmerston Residents' Association, we represent the interests of residents residing in the area bounded by Grace and Bathurst Streets to the West and East and College and Bloor Streets to the South and North.

We are writing in support of the proposed cycling infrastructure installation. With particular support for the renewal of the Hoskin/Harbord bike lanes in our neighbourhood.

We welcome the proposed installations and are appreciative for the hard work of staff in drafting the cycling network plan.

The key for Toronto to meet its VisionZero goals, along with the goal of having 75% of trips <5km completed by active transportation or transit, is a connected and safe network of bike lanes. We hope the lane renewal on the Hoskin/Harbord corridor includes elevated/protected lanes that follow the standard set by similar projects on Bloor and College.

However, we were extremely frustrated with the slow progress and poor workmanship of Sanscon Construction on the College bike lanes. Not only did the construction go way over the projected schedule, it seemed to align with their track record of work:

http://www.twowheeledpolitics.ca/2023/09/the-need-for-contractor-accountability.html

We encourage city staff not to award any of these projects to Sanscon in the future.

Regards,

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