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Via Email

Infrastructure & Environment Committee
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

RE: IE12.4 - Cycling Network Plan: 2024 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - Second Quarter and Missing Sidewalk Program - 2024 Local Sidewalk Installations

Dear Infrastructure and Environment Committee, Committee members,

Tenblock is a housing developer committed to sustainability, active transportation, design excellence, and complete communities. This includes ensuring that there is connectivity through cycling infrastructure in the communities that we serve.

We wish to express our strong support of IE12.4 - Cycling Network Plan: 2024 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - Second Quarter and Missing Sidewalk Program - 2024 Local Sidewalk Installations. We firmly believe this will be a great opportunity to enhance safe and sustainable transportation within the city.

Adopting the cycling network plan in these five neighborhoods connects the gaps within the existing cycling infrastructure while promoting active and accessible transportation. As a local landowner in the Don Mills and Eglinton Area and advocate for active transportation, we strongly believe that the proposed change on Ferrand Drive will allow our tenants to better engage with cycling and the growing Bike Share network near our property.

With four existing Bike Share stations in the vicinity located at Grenoble Drive, Gateway Blvd, Vendome Place, and Deauville Lane—the proposed changes on Ferrand Drive will contribute to sustainable mobility within the community. The addition of these bike lanes will also allow tenants to safely access major streets. Establishing bike lanes that still provide room for driveways and some parking spots ensures the safety, functionality, and overall mobility of the neighborhood. The proposed transformation from two motor lanes, two-way bike lanes, accompanied by dedicated parking lanes promotes safety and prioritizes the diverse needs of all road users and seamlessly connects to two major streets – Eglinton Ave East and Don Mills Rd. Completeness in communities means ensuring all modes of transportation are integrated well to promote sustainability, safety, and connectivity. These proposed changes will not only ensure the completeness of this community but will promote Toronto's cycling culture.

We appreciate the City of Toronto's continued commitment to improving connectivity through bike lanes.

Sincerely,
Tenblock



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