

Friday March 22nd, 2024

Via email

Letter to Infrastructure and 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,

My name is Lanrick Bennett. I've been the Bicycle Mayor for Toronto since 2022. During my two year term advocating for the prioritization of vulnerable road users in Toronto, I wanted to send thanks to everyone involved with the City of Toronto Cycling and Pedestrian Projects unit. A fantastic and always accessible department, working to create equitable cycling infrastructure across the city.

I'd like to express my support of IE12.4 - Cycling Network Plan: 2024 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - Second Quarter and Missing Sidewalk Program - 2024 Local Sidewalk Installations.

That being said, if Toronto CAN DO MORE! We have the tools and talent to allow travel through the city outside of our car dependency. If Toronto is going to meet its #TransformTO goal of having 75% of all trips under 5 km taken by biking, walking or taking transit by 2030, we need to implement safe cycling and pedestrian infrastructure across the city, especially in areas that lack access to safe active modes of transportation.

I'd like to thank organizations under the #BikeTO, #WalkTO and #AODA umbrellas like Friends and Family for Safe Streets, Toronto Environmental Alliance, Walk Toronto, AODA Alliance, Toronto Public Space Committee, Cycle Toronto, The Centre for Active Transportation, Yonge 4 All and the newly established East End 4 All for their continued advocacy and the support of the work of Toronto Cycling and Pedestrian Projects.

Thank you,

Lanrick Bennett



Lanrick Bennett Jr. He/Him

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Equity, Civic Engagement & Protection of the Environment

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