

March 26, 2024

Infrastructure and Environment Committee (IEC)
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St W
Toronto, M5H 2N2

Re: IE12.4 Cycling Network Plan: 2024 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - Q2 Update and Missing Sidewalk Program - 2024 Local Road Sidewalk Installations

Dear Chair McKelvie and Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

Over the past few years, the city has made much progress with the expansion of the cycling network and we applaud Council and city staff for their dedicated work. Cycle Toronto enthusiastically supports the recommendations put forward by the General Manager of Transportation Services, including the proposed installation of nearly 6 km of new bikeways as well as a few improvements to existing cycling infrastructure.

The following projects represent important neighbourhood cycling projects that will contribute to connecting people to the city's wider active transportation network and enable more people to choose to ride a bike:

- 1. Ferrand Drive Area Safety Improvements Ward 15
- 2. Galloway Road Sidewalks and Cycling Connections Ward 24
- 3. Portland Dan Leckie Cycling Connections Ward 10
- 4. Silverthorn Cycling Connections Ward 9
- 5. Weston Cycling Connections Ward 5
- 6. Richmond Street upgrades Ward 10
- 7. Jones Avenue upgrades Ward 14

Cycle Toronto urges this committee to ensure that the Council approved 2022-2024 Cycling Network Plan is successfully implemented by the end of the year. This includes the EglintonTOday Complete Street and the Danforth Kingston Complete Street Extension.

Studies consistently show the lack of safe, connected cycling network infrastructure remains the biggest barrier to people biking and adopting active modes of transportation. In order to meet our TransformTO climate action goals of 75% of trips walked, transited or biked by 2030–less than 7 years away–Toronto will need an even more ambitious 2025-2027 Cycling Network Plan. We are calling for at least 150 km total and an average over 50 km of new bikeways a year to complete the 500 km of the Major City Wide Cycling Routes by 2030.

We hope to receive your unanimous support of the city staff recommendations outlined in IE12.4.



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