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Infrastructure and Environment Committee (IEC)
Toronto City Hall
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IE12.3 - Toronto's Climate Change Readiness: Updates on commitments and a refreshed mandate for coordinating resilience activities

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

The Annual TransformTO Net Zero Progress and Accountability Report is blunt. Despite making progress since the city's adoption of TransformTO, it is failing to put Toronto on track to achieving the City's net zero goal by 2040. TransformTO's active transportation goals of 75% of trips under 5 km walked, transited or biked have an even shorter timeline of 2030—less than 7 years away. The report specifically notes that despite nearly 45 km of bikeways built as part of ActiveTO and the 2022-2024 Cycling Network Plan's goal of 100 km new bikeways, we are still not on track:

*There is more access to safe walking and biking infrastructure than before the pandemic, but **Toronto's Cycling Network Plan remains on a Business as Planned (BAP) pace instead of the ambitious build-out seen in the NZ40 scenario, in part due to resource constraints (6).***

Business as planned is not good enough. In order to put Toronto back on track, **Cycle Toronto reiterates our call to Mayor Chow and City Council for the 2025-2027 Cycling Network Plan to target building at least 150 km total. An average of over 50 km of new bikeways a year is needed to complete the 500 km of the Major City Wide Cycling Routes by 2030.**

Torontonians want a more vibrant, friendlier public realm. We want to ease traffic congestion and give people more transportation options. We want to connect communities from downtown to the suburbs. We want to eliminate road violence and make VisionZero a reality. We want to achieve net zero for a greener, healthier future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alison Stewart".

Alison Stewart

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