



March 27, 2024

Re: IE 12.4 - Cycling Network Plan: 2024 Cycling Infrastructure Installation

To: Chair McKelvie and Councillors,

We'd like to thank Council and staff for the progress the City is making in expanding the cycling network.

We support 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 improvements to existing cycling infrastructure.

We urge you to ensure that the Council approved 2022-2024 Cycling Network Plan is fully implemented by the end of the year, including the Eglinton Today Complete Street and the Danforth Kingston Complete Street Extension.

However, the expansion of the cycling network is just not happening at the pace we need to reach our TransformTO climate action target of 75% of trips walked, biked and taken on transit by 2030. We have just six years to shift travel patterns significantly.

We consistently hear that perceived lack of safety is the primary reason more people do not cycle as their method of choice for travelling around the city.

We call for the acceleration of construction to at least 50 km per year in the 2025-27 plan for at least 150 km total, in order to complete 500 km of major city-wide cycling routes by 2030.

Shifting travel patterns to cycling will provide many benefits to our health, both mental and physical, and to our environment through reduced emissions, reduced noise, and greater community interaction.

Other cities have greatly expanded cycling infrastructure, for example Paris, with great results. Let's do this Toronto!

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