



April 30, 2024
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Attention: Matthew Green
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RE: IE13.2 - eglintonTOday Phase 1 Complete Street Project: Bicknell Avenue to Mount Pleasant Road

Dear Councillor McKelvie, Chair, and Infrastructure and Environment Committee Members,

The Women's Cycling Network is an inclusive group of more than 100 women who cycle for transportation, health, and the environment. We promote cycling as "wheels of empowerment" by assisting women in cycling and working with them to make riding a bike safer in their communities. Many of our members are residents of Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park. Several proposed and in-progress projects will create a robust network of cycling routes in and around our neighborhoods.

In 2024, both the Millwood Road Safety Improvements and the Ferrand Drive Area Safety Improvements will expand our safe cycling options. In the near future, installing protected bike lanes on the Overlea Bridge will connect our two communities with safe cycling infrastructure. Together, these projects will make the bikeway on Eglinton a realistic destination for everyone in our neighborhoods.

We urge you to support the staff recommendation to complete Phase 1 of eglintonTOday Complete Street and to begin consultations to complete Phase 11 in 2024. In addition, we ask that the City accelerate the addition of protection to the painted bike lanes and the implementation of Vision Zero intersections on Eglinton Avenue from Brentcliffe Road to Kennedy Road.

When Eglinton is completely connected and protected for women who bike, it will open up so many more destinations for us and expand our cycling horizons.

I appreciate your consideration.

Najia Zewari

Founder, Women's Cycling Network

C.c. Barbara Gray, General Manager, Transportation Services, Jacquelyn Hayward, Director, Project Design & Management, Transportation Services, Becky Katz, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Projects, Transportation Services