



May 25, 2024

Re: IE 14.4 Cycling Network Plan

Dear Councillor McKelvie and members of IEC

Cycle Toronto Midtown, a local group within Cycle Toronto, supports the proposed Cycling Network Plan including the Avenue Road project between Bloor and Davenport. Three cyclists have been killed there in the past 9 years, so the bike lanes are badly needed. We also support the pedestrian improvements as important safety measures, and we urge the City to implement the rest of the improvements between Davenport and St. Clair as outlined in the Avenue Road Study that was presented to the public in 2023.

We'd also like to single out the proposed Beltline Gap Connections, where a lot of our members cycle. At present the roads are busy and these safety improvements are needed. It will knit together some of the major projects in the area, making it safer to cycle between the York Beltline Trail, the Gardner Beltline Trail, the Eglinton Complete Street, and the Allen Greenway. If more people ride bikes, fewer will take the car — and that will reduce congestion.

Sincerely, Kenneth Brown on behalf of Cycle Toronto Midtown