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

Cycle55+ is an initiative of Cycle Toronto Midtown and Cycle Don Valley Midtown to encourage older adults to rediscover the joy of cycling and bring their voices to the advocacy table to ensure cycling in the city is safe, equitable and fun. While we strongly support the City's plans to create a more complete and safer cycling network across the city through the 2025-27 Cycling Network Plan (CNP), we can't help but be disappointed that the proposed 2025-27 CNP fails to put Toronto on track to meet its climate action targets and road safety goals.

Just five months into the year and there have been as many cyclist deaths in 2024 as the previous three years combined. This is really unacceptable. The city has the tools required to create a truly city-wide network of safe infrastructure so why are we seeing so many proposed studies in this plan; surely in 2024 Toronto can build out our cycling network faster and take bolder steps to ensure we meet our Vision Zero ambitions. Under the present CNP proposals we will see large areas of Etobicoke, North York and Scarborough continue to be unsafe neighbourhoods for cyclists, while connectivity across the city will remain incomplete. It is worth noting that that 25% of the proposed kms are not 'new' but recycled routes the city failed to implement in the current 2022-24 CNP. In particular, we're horrified to see that the much needed Danforth-Kinston Road route is still delayed and there's only talk of further studies to create a continuous complete street along Yonge from the waterfront to the city limits at Steeles Avenue. Where is the accountability to ensure that all proposed projects will actually be implemented in a timely fashion, not just from 2022-24 but now from 2025-27?

The time for studies and endless rounds of public consultation is past - in 2024 Toronto should know how to install and maintain first-class cycling infrastructure that can match up to other Canadian cities like Vancouver and Montreal. We know that reducing our reliance on motor vehicles lessens air pollution and climate emissions, improves the vibrancy of cities and towns and benefits all residents, regardless of their wealth, gender, and age.

We live in an aging society. Providing the supports and encouragement to help people remain active as they age provides valuable benefits. When that activity includes active transportation, not only is physical health and mental well-being enhanced, but climate mitigation is advanced through a reduction in travel dependent on fossil fuels.

Come on Toronto - you can, and you should, do better. We urge IEC to approve all the proposed projects in the 2025-27 CNP but to also do much more to get this city moving and thriving.

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