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Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
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Dear Infrastructure and Environment Committee Members,

RE: IE14.3 - Cycling Network Plan Update (2025 - 2027)

Safe Parkside is writing to show their support for the inclusion of Parkside Drive as part of the 2025-2027 Cycling Network Plan. After over a decade of advocacy, we are excited and relieved to know that safety is finally in Parkside's future. Street safety advocacy should not be this challenging or take this much time and effort, especially with our city's Vision Zero and TransformTO commitments in mind.

While we are excited and relieved with Parkside's inclusion as part of the 2025-2027 Cycling Network Plan, we are dismayed and very disappointed with the plan overall. The proposed plan fails to put the city on track to meet its Vision Zero and TransformTO goals. We must act with much more urgency if we have any hope of meeting these increasingly important goals.

Just five months into the year, there have already been as many cyclist deaths in 2024 as the previous three years combined. A city-wide connected network of safe infrastructure is essential to the health and safety of our city and its residents.

The fact that the 2025-2027 Cycling Network Plan recycles several routes that the City failed to implement as part of the 2022-2024 plan is very unfortunate and leaves the impression that the City is not serious about their own goals. We remain hopeful that the City will prioritize our increasingly urgent Vision Zero and TransformTO goals by implementing a much more ambitious Cycling Network Plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several fluid, connected strokes. The signature is positioned below the text 'Thank you for your time and consideration,'.

Faraz Gholizadeh on behalf of Safe Parkside