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Infrastructure and Environment Committee (IEC)
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen St W
Toronto, M5H 2N2

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

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

The David Suzuki Foundation is writing to urge you to adopt a more ambitious cycling network plan that includes **150 km of new bikeways over the next three years**. *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 cycling routes is essential for us to achieve Vision Zero. This will benefit everyone.

Safe infrastructure is crucial to protect vulnerable workers and road users who rely on bikes or other mobility devices to get to where they need to be. The proposed 2025-2027 Cycling Network Plan (CNP) fails to put the city on track to meet its climate targets and road safety goals. While this plan includes many outstanding projects that represent meaningful upgrades to our cycling network, Toronto urgently needs more.

Paris and Montreal have demonstrated that expanding a city's cycling network benefits everyone. It reduces congestion, slashes carbon emissions and improves a city's vibrancy. Sadly, large areas in Etobicoke, North York and Scarborough do not have equitable access to safe cycling routes and Bike Share stations.

We are concerned that approval of the Plan is in principle only. It is not a commitment to actually implement and build anything. And nearly 25 per cent of the proposed kilometres are not "new" but recycled routes the city failed to implement in the 2022-2024 plan. Finally, there's no accountability to ensure the proposed projects will be implemented in the next three years.

We have less than seven years to meet our TransformTO climate goal of 75 per cent of trips under five kilometres being walked, transited or biked by 2030. If we are to have any chance of meeting

this goal, the city must bring forward a more ambitious plan that includes **150 km of new cycling infrastructure** over the next three years.

Thank you for considering these urgent recommendations.

Yours,

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