



May 27, 2024

Via: Email: ice@toronto.ca

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee;

Re: IE 14.4 -Cycling Network Plan – 2024 Cycling Infrastructure and Missing Sidewalk Installation – Third Quarter Update

The Bloor Street East Neighbourhood Association (BENA)'s footprint is near the subject area covered in the submission by the Avenue Road Safety Coalition (ARSC).

BENA, for our own footprint, has advocated for safe passage of all forms of transportation, with emphasis on the most vulnerable. As such, we are pleased to support the submission and recommendations made by the ARSC.

The City is transitioning away from prioritizing motor vehicular movement to that of other types of mobility movements. Toronto has added, and will be adding, thousands of new residents with large developments near the area covered in the ARSC letter. This will be adding more people to the pedestrian realm. With the City's priority of moving people out of cars for short trips, the pedestrian realm needs upgrading to be safe and accessible to meet Vision Zero goals.

We also support the letter submitted by the Bay Cloverhill Community Association Executive. We wholeheartedly support their concluding paragraph, quoted below, with the addition of those requiring assisted living devices such as walkers and wheelchairs.

"All neighbourhoods deserve to be a safe place for residents, whether they are walking, cycling or driving. This is in line with the City's Vision Zero strategy to reduce traffic related fatalities and serious injuries. It is also important to meet the minimum provincial requirements for the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act."

Respectfully submitted.

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On behalf of BENA

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