

May 1, 2024

Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

**Re: West Parkdale Cycling Connections**

1. At the (TK, 2024) meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee, the agenda will include discussions on the approval and installation of the West Parkdale Cycling Connection.
2. The concerns presented to the committee pertain to the Project Area from the Queensway to Sunnyside Avenue, encompassing proposed changes on Claude Avenue, Merrick Street, Glendale Avenue, Parkdale Road, Sunnyside Avenue, and Pearson Avenue.
3. This significant new connection has undergone extensive debate and community consultation. While there is overall support for the connection, concerns have been raised regarding its potential impact on vehicular traffic once the infrastructure and new traffic directions are put in place.
4. Our community is actively pursuing neighborhood traffic calming goals through the Neighborhood Streets Plan process. We are confronted with a variety of complex, interconnected issues including, but not limited to, the narrowing of Roncesvalles Avenue, the forthcoming expansion of St. Joe's Health Centre, restrictions on car parking in High Park, and the availability of on-street parking for residents during day hours.
5. While we have no objections to maintaining a continuous bike lane designation in our neighborhood, acknowledging existing bike activities, we do have reservations about altering traffic flow and reducing on-street parking, especially when such changes are not informed and does not benefit from a Neighbourhood Streets Plan.
6. We, therefore, have the following for the Infrastructure and Environmental Committee consideration of the following motion:

*“City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, as part of the West Parkdale Cycling Connections project included in Infrastructure and Environment Committee Recommendations on the proposed changes in the Queensway to Sunnyside Avenue Project Area to proceed with the installation of bike lanes on currently existing traffic flow, and to conduct analysis of this configuration within the scope of the approved Neighborhood Streets Plan, in consultation with the local Councilor.”*