

May 27, 2024

Via Email
Infrastructure and Environment Committee
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear Chair McKelvie and the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

RE: IE14.4 - Cycling Network Plan - 2024 Cycling Infrastructure and Missing Sidewalk Installation - Third Quarter Update

Tenblock has developed and managed multi-family apartment buildings in Toronto for over sixty-five years. As a company, we are deeply committed to building sustainable, complete communities. This includes promoting active transportation and connectivity options throughout the city.

We wish to express our strong support for the proposed Avenue Road cycle track between Bloor St. W. and Davenport Rd. These improvements cannot come soon enough. Avenue Rd is in dire need of upgraded biking infrastructure, with safety concerns escalating following a recent accident. On April 30th, 2024 an e-bike rider was stuck and killed by a driver at Avenue Rd and Elgin Ave, highlighting the urgent need for action.

After reviewing the proposed changes, we want to highlight a recommendation from our previous submission regarding the Avenue Road Study to continue extending the cycle track and pedestrian realm improvements further north to Lonsdale Rd. As proposed, the Avenue Road cycle track boundaries are limited to Bloor St. W. and Davenport Rd.

This boundary limits the potential for residents of neighbourhoods north of Davenport Rd. to have access to safe cycling conditions and public realm improvements. Establishing continuous cycling connectivity to Lonsdale Rd. (north of St. Clair Avenue West) would connect the cycling network to east-west connections and transit options on St. Clair Avenue West. As well, it would directly contribute to the walkability, safety, and connectivity of the Deer Park and Forest Hill neighbourhoods which include nearby K-12 schools.

Tenblock is very excited by the proposed establishment of a cycle track within the Avenue Rd. corridor and we look forward to enhanced safety for vulnerable road users in the coming months. We believe the proposed cycle track will create safer cycling options along this corridor while enhancing connectivity citywide. It is our hope that successive phases of implementation will continue to expand this cycle track further north.

Sincerely,



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