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Toronto City Council
100 Queen Street West
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Re: IE23.6 - Cycling Network Plan - 2025 Cycling Infrastructure and Missing Sidewalk Installation - Second Quarter Update

Dear Mayor Chow and members of City Council,

Zero kilometres.

That's the number of new bike lanes proposed as part of this latest Cycling Network Plan (CNP) quarterly update. The Council-approved 2025-2027 CNP set a target of building 100 km of bike lanes, or a cadence of about 30 km a year. Approving no new bike lanes would put you well off pace to achieving your goal.

This moment calls for leadership, not retreat.

Over 1,000 Cycle Toronto supporters¹ are calling on you to:

- *Complete the Leaside Bridge to Danforth Avenue Cycling Connections, and move forward installing the Logan-Carlaw contraflow bike lanes;*
- *Make Jones safer for all road users, and reject the staff recommendations to reverse Council's decision on upgrading the existing painted bike lanes to protected cycle tracks;*
- *Direct staff to expedite public consultations on all the major projects in the Council-approved 2025-2027 Cycling Network Plan that don't necessarily involve lane removals or whose delivery notes indicate "dependent on bundled or sequenced work (transit, road, water, other)"² including:*
 - *Brimorton Drive Major Upgrade*
 - *Danforth-Kingston (Kingston sections)*
 - *Eglinton Avenue East*
 - *Greenwood Major Upgrade*
 - *Jane and Finch Connections*
 - *Keele Street*
 - *Kipling North*

¹ 2025 Cycling Network Update: Zero Kilometres | https://www.cycleto.ca/zero_kilometres

² Attachment 2 - 2025 - 2027 Near-Term Implementation Program - Part 2 | <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2024/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-245696.pdf>

- *Direct staff to bring forward a plan for 2026 to upgrade the existing cycling network including filling potholes in bike lanes³ and replacing all quick build materials (pinned curbs, low walls, flexi-posts, etc) to permanent materials like poured concrete to enhance their comfort and beauty⁴*

It is undeniable the will of Toronto City Council is being undermined by the province with Bill 212, which restricts how and where Ontario municipalities can build bike lanes that involve removing travel lanes and seeks to rip out 19 km of existing bike lanes on Bloor, University, and Yonge. A court injunction remains in place to prevent the province from attempting any removals until a decision is rendered in Cycle Toronto's legal challenge against the legislation.⁵

But not moving forward with contraflow bike lanes on Logan-Carlaw or reversing the Council-approved decision to upgrade bike lanes on Jones cannot be blamed on provincial overreach. No travel lanes are impacted. Logan-Carlaw even meets the premier's own criteria of putting "bike lanes on secondary roads" by avoiding parallel arterials. And upgrading the bike lanes will enhance the usability and popularity of the existing cycling network.

You have the power to keep building a healthier and more vibrant cycling city for everyone.



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³ MM31.19 - Fixing Roads Faster - by Mayor Olivia Chow, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher | <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.MM31.19>

⁴ MM19.26 - Towards a Beautiful City - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Parthi Kandavel | <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.MM19.26>

⁵ Court upholds injunction halting removal of Yonge, University, and Bloor bike lanes | https://www.cycleto.ca/court_upholds_injunction_halting_removal_of_yonge_university_and_bloor_bike_lanes

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