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Dear Toronto City Council,

I am writing in strong support of all 20.5 km of new and upgraded bike lanes in item 2025.IE26.6 - Cycling Network Plan - 2025 Cycling Infrastructure Fourth Quarter Update, and **I urge you to approve the staff recommendations.**

City transportation staff deserve kudos for advancing so many of these projects without removing any motor vehicle lanes and without running afoul of the Province's Bill 60.

**It's only a "win win solution" if you approve the staff recommendations.**

While their benefits for people riding bikes are well established, **protected bike lanes are a proven road safety measure for all road users.** Internal government documents released as part of Cycle Toronto's successful legal challenge against the bike lane removals in Bill 212 show that that the Province's own experts agree:

*Overall, the research findings suggest that the addition of bike lanes or installation of higher-order bike facilities have a positive impact on road safety performance, with a reduction in total collisions (i.e., involving all road users, not just cyclists) between 35% to 50.2%. (1)*

Unfortunately, it's not clear how sustainable this is moving forward. Undoubtedly many projects in the 2025-2027 Cycling Network Plan (CNP) are no longer feasible without lane removals or would require costly workarounds beyond what was originally budgeted.

Back in spring 2024, when the 2025-2027 CNP was approved, City Council directed staff report back in early 2025 on the feasibility of scaling up the delivery from 100 km to 150 km of new and major upgraded bikeways. (2) While it's understandable why that report was delayed, now that Bill 212 has settled and the uncertainty around regulations has been resolved with Bill 60, **it is imperative for Council to direct staff to report back in early 2026 to ensure there is sufficient budget, capacity, and, direction to keep moving forward with the 2025-2027 CNP and begin planning the next 2028-2030 CNP.**

The undemocratic restrictions to Council's authority imposed by the Province under Bill 212 and Bill 60 have clearly created new hurdles to building cycling infrastructure. But those hurdles cannot be barriers. **Toronto must ensure it can keep growing and expanding our cycling network to make riding a bike a better option for more Torontonians and meet our congestion management, climate action, and road safety goals.**

1. [https://www.cycleto.ca/province\\_s\\_internal\\_documents\\_reveal](https://www.cycleto.ca/province_s_internal_documents_reveal)
2. <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.IE14.3>

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