



Monday, December 15, 2025

Mayor Olivia Chow and  
Members of City Council  
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Dear Mayor Chow and City Councillors,

***Re: (Support for) IE26.6-Cycling Network Plan, 2025 Cycling Infrastructure 4th Quarter Update***

We fully support staff recommendations, as approved by the Infrastructure & Environment Committee (IEC) on December 4, 2025, for 20 kilometres of new bikeways in our city. We are particularly happy to see among these projects, the 6-kilometre bike lane on Kingston Road, the addition of a bikeway on Trethewey Drive,<sup>1</sup> and cycling infrastructure improvements in Etobicoke. We also heartily support the addition of a short bikeway on Weston Road, just south of Finch Avenue West, as advancing the objective to "[Close the Toronto Loop,](#)" as discussed below.

We note that the agenda record before you for IE26.6 does not fully reflect the strong support from city residents for the staff recommendations in the Cycling Network 2025 fourth quarter update. There were 57 people listed to speak to this item, the great majority in favour of the recommendations. Unfortunately, the Cycling Network item was not reached until 5:30pm on December 4, at which point the meeting chair announced that quorum would be lost at 6pm – and if the matter was not completed by then, the recommendations would “die on the Order paper.” In the result, many of the listed speakers either had to significantly curtail their three-minute deputations or simply forego speaking altogether, as most did. (Our group contacted individuals whose names we recognized on the speakers’ list to discourage them from speaking.) In the result, we simply wish to flag for you the fact that there was substantial additional support at the IEC meeting for the staff recommendations that is not reflected in your agenda item.

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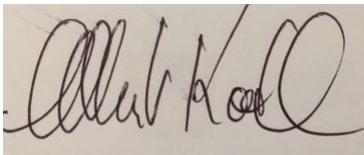
<sup>1</sup> Subject to concerns noted by Bob Murphy at the December 4 meeting about the route through Coronation Park.

The Weston Road gap is one of ten gaps in the 73-km Toronto Loop trail system that could one day, when all gaps are closed, provide a safe cycling circuit for utilitarian and recreational riders – and tourists visiting Toronto. Imagine being able to take one’s family on an affordable, enjoyable excursion of one or more days along a completed loop that reaches many neighbourhoods and areas of our city. Today’s incomplete loop runs along the waterfront in the south and Finch Avenue/Finch Hydro Corridor on the north, connected by trails on the Humber and Don Rivers. The Toronto Loop is on the capital projects agenda of Mayor Olivia Chow, as it was for her predecessor. The gaps mean that city residents are significantly short-changed on their huge investments over the past half century in bike trails. And yet, the gaps amount to [only 5,500 metres, as articulated in our letter of November 25](#). We urge you not only to approve closure of the Weston Road gap at Finch Avenue --- as approved by the IEC --- but also to move with greater urgency on closing the remaining gaps. Indeed, in view of the province’s ill-advised Bill 60, which is putting a chill on bike lanes across the province, this is an ideal time to Close the Toronto Loop.

There are many people in Toronto today who feel demoralized by Premier Doug Ford’s meddling in city affairs. This includes not only the now adopted Bill 60, but also his attacks on other road safety measures such as speed cameras. In fact, it is clear that the Premier is dead set on facilitating more car use, and therefore more traffic congestion, more road danger, and more climate deterioration. His actions come at the expense of efficient modes of transportation: walking, cycling, and transit. How do we fight back? Precisely with the energetic staff recommendations that the IEC approved at its meeting of December 4.

We urge you to approve the new bikeways in IE26.6, and to continue to find ways to quickly move forward on building a safe, efficient, healthy, and climate-friendly transportation system, and therefore a better city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert Koehl", written on a light-colored background.

Albert Koehl, Coordinator

*Community Bikeways (est. May 2020) is an Ontario Not-for-Profit organization dedicated to fighting for the reallocation of road space to walking, cycling, and transit; undertaking law and policy reform, and holding City Hall to account for implementing its cycling, road safety and climate plans and policies. We also strive to amplify community voices and to host community events that highlight the joy, convenience, and affordability of cycling for everyday travel in Toronto.*

