



Wednesday Dec 3, 2025

**Re: IE26.6 - Cycling Network Plan - 2025 Cycling Infrastructure Fourth Quarter Update**

Dear members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

I am writing on behalf of ClimateFast to support the continuing expansion and improvement of bike lanes in the city. These cycling improvements are very much needed and will be appreciated and well used.

The most frequent feedback we hear from residents of Toronto when we include cycling as one of the things we can all do to reduce our emissions, is that 'I will cycle when its safe to do so'.

They mean, when there are bike lanes on all roads.

Given the city's need to reduce emissions in line with the TransformTO targets, building safe bike lanes is a very good investment. Continuing to improve the cycling network will encourage more people to cycle, and it will make it safer to do so.

We look forward to more cycle lanes opening up as quickly as possible. I personally live near Eglinton and would make good use of that bike lane once it can be built.

We also support the completion of the Toronto Loop, as detailed in the submission by Toronto Community Bikeways. The mayor has committed to closing the gaps in this trail system, but 10 gaps still remain -- after many years. A little more effort would pay huge dividends. The gaps amount to only 5,500 metres for a 73km route. Completing it would pay huge dividends for utility, recreation, and tourism.

In general, speeding up the rate of construction of bike lanes would be a good thing for our city! 20 km per year seems like an absolute minimum. Montreal is expanding its network with new and upgraded lanes at the rate of 40 km per year, totalling 200 new km from 2023 to 2027.

We are grateful for the hard work by staff to bring this plan to you. We appreciate everything you are doing to promote cycling and to improve the safety of doing so.

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