



December 3, 2025

Toronto City Hall
Infrastructure and Environment Committee
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON
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Re: IE26.6 Cycling Network Plan – 2025 Cycling Infrastructure Fourth Quarter Update

Dear Chair Councillor Fletcher and Committee members,

In general, Walk Toronto supports the installation of cycle. Cycle tracks make the city safer for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users, as much as the cyclists riding on them. Cycle tracks mean that cyclists are less frequently found riding on the sidewalk. Also, cycle tracks tend to slow vehicle drivers as they make turns. Good cycling infrastructure improves safety and quality of life for pedestrians as these tracks act as a buffer between pedestrians and fast moving vehicles.

Recognizing that the passing of the Ontario Government's Bill 212 and Bill 60 have challenged the City's plans for cycle track installation, we believe that the expansion of the cycle tracks in Toronto, especially on roads of high vehicular traffic are vital to meet the City's Vision Zero Road Safety Plan and TransformTO Net Zero Strategy. Walk Toronto believes putting cycles lanes on roads with high vehicular traffic, which to the uninitiated at first glance seems counterintuitive, because there is a long-term effect of the transportation mode shift that occurs when cycling becomes a safe alternative to driving in urban areas. Protected cycle lanes can move more people per unit width of road than car lanes, decreasing the overall number of cars on the road and helping manage induced demand.

We applaud the city for forging ahead with plans that are in keeping with global trends to reduce climate impact and protect vulnerable road users. And, at a practical level we support efforts to fit bike lanes into roads while maintaining vehicle lanes, by reducing vehicle lane width, and suspect that this may have the side benefit of reducing vehicle speeds.

Sincerely,

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