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

To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee

We are writing in support of the *IE26.6 - Cycling Network Plan - 2025 Cycling Infrastructure Fourth Quarter Update*, and more specifically the *Safer Kingston Rd.* project. Access Alliance is a community health centre, and our focus is to provide services to improve the health of newcomers, and this means we work in the communities most affected by systemic barriers at our three locations in Toronto.

For the past 10 years, our Scarborough Cycles program has helped thousands of residents get on their bikes and explore the city by removing barriers to participation. We offer a wide range of programming from drop-in programs, group rides, learn-to-ride programs, and workshops. Our programs contribute to community health, by addressing social isolation and encouraging physical activity regardless of age or ability.

Specifically, we support the *Safer Kingston Rd.* project because of its potential to make Scarborough's roads safer and more equitable. Our program participants tell us all the time, that the number one concern they have when riding a bike in Scarborough is concern for their personal safety. These observations are brought to bear with the city's own data highlighted in the *Fourth Quarter Update* report which showed 1,910 collisions, 22 serious injuries, and 6 deaths between 2014-2024.

We believe that this project will be transformational for Scarborough Southwest as it will make it much safer for all road users, including those walking, cycling, and driving. These improvements on Kingston Rd. are long overdue and will bring us closer to both our *VisionZero* goals and connecting Scarborough to the city's growing cycling network.

Finally, we would like to thank city staff for acknowledging the importance of cycling programming in this update (*2025.IE26.6 Attachments 3 and 4*). Our experience has shown us that cycling programming acts as a catalyst to getting more people riding in their community. So we look forward to our continued partnership with Solid Waste Management Services to help the city reach its environmental, sustainability, and population health goals.

Respectfully submitted,

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