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Dear Mayor Chow and City Council,,

Re: MM34.14 - Respecting Local Authority Over Road Design

Cycle Toronto **strongly endorses his motion from Councillors Bravo and Saxe**. We urge every member of Council to support it.

Buried deep in the province's omnibus legislation *Bill 60, Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025* are **provisions that would expand and escalate Bill 212's attack on evidence-based decision-making around safe and convenient transportation options** and further handcuff municipalities from making meaningful decisions about their roads.¹

This isn't about being pro-bike or anti-car, or even where bike lanes should or shouldn't go. This is about **jurisdictional overreach that undermines your authority as City Council**.

Cycle Toronto's legal victory back in July, which successfully challenged the provisions of *Bill 212, Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024* to rip out existing bike lanes made clear that **the province's own experts and consultants know that bike lanes do not cause traffic congestion**:

*The advice provided to the government, both before and after Bill 212 was passed, was that the removal of the target bike lanes to restore a lane of motor vehicle traffic will not achieve the asserted goal of the legislation, as it will not reduce congestion.*²

That legal decision was also **an affirmation of the city's thorough process of planning, approving, and building the cycling network** (and RapidTO bus priority lanes and CafeTO patios), and your own accountability to residents and businesses that you represent.

On January 28, Cycle Toronto and our legal team will return to court to defend our rights against the province's appeal. **We urge you to continue standing firm against this escalating pattern of provincial interference** that undermines Toronto's ability to build healthy and sustainable communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Longfield".

Michael Longfield
Executive Director

¹ https://www.cycleto.ca/ontario_banning_new_bike_lanes

² <https://ecojustice.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Cycle-Toronto-v.-AGO-Reasons-for-Judgment-PBS-July-30-2025.pdf>

