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Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
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RE: MM35.1 - Safety on all City Sidewalks; E-bikes Enforcement

Dear Councillor Burnside, Councillor Chernos-Lin, and Members of City Council,

Cycle Toronto is writing in opposition to item MM35.1, and urges you not to waive referral. We respectfully request that any new initiatives on micromobility usage or safety be held pending the findings of the Council-directed Micromobility Safety Working Group report in spring 2026:

2. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee in the second quarter of 2026 with recommendations from the Micromobility Safety Working Group to further improve public awareness of city rules for motorized micromobility devices.¹

To date, the early data strongly implies that the biggest risk to micromobility are not pedestrians, cyclists, or other vulnerable road users, but riders themselves, specifically children and teenagers. In 2024 SickKids Hospital reported:

We are seeing a notable increase in patients presenting to the Emergency Department with significant injuries from e-scooter use this season; high speed, a lack of helmet use, young age and interaction with motor vehicles all place children and youth at risk of serious injury if there is a fall or collision.²

We ask you to avoid premature (not to mention costly and resource-intensive) regulations and wait for the evidence-based recommendations due early next year. Cycle Toronto looks forward to working with you to support effective, targeted solutions.

Michael Longfield
Executive Director

Cycle Toronto is a member-supported charity that's been leading the change for a healthier and more vibrant cycling city since 2008. Most recently Cycle Toronto was the main applicant in a successful Charter challenge blocking the province from ripping out 19 km of protected bike lanes.

¹ <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.IE24.1>

² <https://www.sickkids.ca/en/news/archive/2024/sickkids-seeing-growing-number-of-injuries-from-e-scooters-and-e-bicycles/>