



Toronto and East York Community Council Meeting, Feb 20, 2025
Agenda item TE20.43 - Improving Bike Lane Inspections in Toronto and East York
Community Council district

On behalf of [Toronto Community Bikeways](#), I would like to express our full support for the staff report and the various proposals contained therein. The objective to improve routine and complaint-based bikeway inspections is a measure as welcome as it is necessary, and aligned with how Toronto can chart a way forward on road safety that we outlined in a [recent letter to Mayor Chow](#).

Data collected by the city and independent organizations such as ours clearly show that the number of cyclists utilizing bikeways in Toronto continues to grow year round. This is a testimonial to the forward-thinking decisions of city staff and leaders who realize that the installation and maintenance of a true network of bikeways throughout the city will enable Toronto to achieve two of its most critical strategic goals: net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040 ([Transform TO Net Zero Strategy](#)) and eliminating traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries on city streets ([Vision Zero Road Safety Plan](#)).

We support plans, as outlined in the staff report accompanying this agenda item, to put in place an enhanced daily cycling inspection and maintenance programme with Transportation Standards Officers (TSOs). Engaging such staff to proactively identify deficiencies and hazards in the network of bikeways will contribute to a more efficient and safer cycling experience for all users.

We applaud moves by Transportation Services to implement an internal service request dashboard integrated with the 311, and the development of new 311 service request problem codes to include damaged bollards and bikeway-specific debris clearing. The continuing emphasis on monitoring construction sites in particular, and issuing Notices of Violation and/or charges, is also very welcome.

Other cities, such as Montreal, routinely and successfully employ staff to proactively monitor bikeways, ensuring that they are kept in rideable shape year round, clear of obstacles and other impediments. We very much look forward to Toronto joining their ranks to become a city that embraces cyclists and cycling by providing safe, connected, reliable bikeway infrastructure for all those who live in or visit the city.

Thank you,

Roger Morier

