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Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
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**Re: EX30.3 - Towards a Beautiful City**

Dear members of the Executive Committee,

We wholeheartedly support the vision outlined in the “Towards a Beautiful City” report.

Within Theme 2 - Maintenance of the Public Realm<sup>1</sup>, among the recommendations **we urge this committee to direct Transportation Services to systematically upgrade the physical infrastructure of our bike lanes over the next three years.**

While the challenge of building new bike lanes remains uncertain, now is Toronto's opportunity to devote the time and resources to upgrading our existing cycling network – to fix potholes, and replace lanes protected by so-called "quick build" materials like flexi-posts and pinned curbs with permanent materials like poured concrete or low-walls enhanced by StreetARToronto.

Every person who has ridden a bike in the city has experienced downed flexi-posts or cracked curbs. The 15 km of protected bike lanes on Bloor St. between Kipling Ave. and Broadview Ave, for example, were implemented over a decade using different design standards and materials along different neighbourhoods that could be upgraded to permanent materials that better blend into the streetscape while still keeping everyone safe.



*(Wellington protected bike lanes with poured concrete. Image: City of Toronto)*

Making our existing network truly world-class will encourage more people living and working close to existing bike lanes to ride, and put us in a better position to make cycling a safer, more convenient option for more Torontonians across the city when Bill 60 and Bill 212 are behind us.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2026/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-285732.pdf>



Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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*Cycle Toronto is a member supported charity that's been leading the change for a healthier, more vibrant cycling city since 2008.*

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