

April 28, 2021

Ms. Jacquelyn Hayward Director, Project Design and Management Transportation Services City of Toronto

Dear Ms. Hayward,

Re: Update re February 23, 2021 meeting with you

We are following up on items discussed during our February 23, 2021 meeting.

## Process to determine bike lane priorities

Our primary concern remains that there is no formal process of community engagement **prior to** the staff determination of bike lane priorities.

The deputations from several students and teachers from Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on March 23, 2021 was a strong indication of the desire of a community to be engaged in prioritizing a project.

We urge you to articulate a public engagement process in selecting and helping to prioritize your projects for upcoming periods.

## A "Bike Account" for the city of Toronto

As we noted during the meeting and in our letter of March 1, 2021, we believe that better communication with city residents about progress on the bike plan can be easily achieved with an annual, concise, and easy-to-read Bike Account that provides specific information about the past year's accomplishments, including, for instance, the number of bike lanes and cycle tracks installed, budget allocations, and completed bike counts.

During our meeting you said that reporting on the advancement of cycling projects was an area you also thought could be improved. We would appreciate hearing how your plans have advanced regarding such a report. We reiterate that we do not want this to be an additional burden to your Transportation Services staff but rather to assemble information you already

collect into a straightforward synopsis of key advancements related to the Cycling Plan. In addition, other key metrics such as capital spending, and actions to address cycling deaths and injuries could be laid out in a fashion that would allow for easy year-over-year comparison.

## City Hall bike counts

Thank you for having Becky Katz send along the bike counts for Bloor and Danforth from the ActiveTO report. We still await more granularity on the methodology for obtaining these counts, i.e., months selected for the counts, as well as the figures for wintertime counts.

A concise document such as the Bike Account that we recommended would ensure that this information was easily accessible to the public and thereby reduce the amount of time your staff needs to respond to public inquiries.

We look forward to your update with respect to our recommendations and to continue working with your staff in building a more bicycle friendly city.

Sincerely,

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