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Dear Mayor Horwath

Please continue funding the accelerated cycling master plan. In terms of transportation infrastructure, at \$8.1M (0.3% of annual budget) it's a terrific bargain. And if we're widening 5 km of Rymal for \$88M, surely we can find a way to fund HSR Next rollout as planned. Below are some reasons why I urge you to maintain this funding.

### **Climate Mitigation**

The impacts of climate change are bearing down on us as the number of summer heat days grows to new heights and even small changes in grass cutting policies increase the threat of Lyme disease from ticks that spread further north, with higher average temperatures. Even so climate mitigation has fallen by the wayside for this council. So while the climate mitigation benefits of cycling and public transportation are obvious, it doesn't seem like it's nearly enough of a priority..

### **Affordability & Vision Zero**

If the city's policy leaves cars as the only convenient and safe transportation option, it foists another huge expense onto families, as you cause the mobility of anyone over the age of 16, to be dependent on a deadly consumer product with an annual ownership cost in excess of \$10,000. And, as have been shown several times during this term, car dependency is especially deadly for the city's youth. So investments into active and public transportation is an obvious necessary step to reducing these deaths.

### **Legal**

I also think it's important to ask if all councillors have considered that delaying the build-out of the cycling network leaves the city and taxpayers in legal jeopardy in the case of any deaths or injuries that happen on streets that had planned and then cancelled infrastructure. Especially considering that there's

currently a case before the courts where a cyclist was tragically injured using parts of Stone Church road allowance, that had clear demand for active transportation infrastructure.

[https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/paralyzed-cyclists-22m-lawsuit-against-hamilton-revived-by-appeals-court/article\\_45e31c1b-7ed3-5e5d-9abc-7ce4454c5c57.html](https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/paralyzed-cyclists-22m-lawsuit-against-hamilton-revived-by-appeals-court/article_45e31c1b-7ed3-5e5d-9abc-7ce4454c5c57.html)

Thank you for your consideration.

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