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Subject: Opposing Proposed Cuts to Hamilton Bike Infrastructure

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*The following was previously sent to Ward 4 Councillor Hwang and the Mayor:

Dear Mayor Horwath and Councillor Hwang,

I am writing to you as a concerned resident of Ward 4 to strongly oppose any proposed budget cuts and delays to Hamilton's planned cycling infrastructure.

Safe, connected bike lanes are not a luxury. they are essential for:

Safety - Protecting vulnerable road users and reducing traffic fatalities.

Affordability - Providing residents with low-cost transportation options as living costs rise.

Climate Goals - Meeting our city's commitment to reducing carbon emissions.

The total planned expenditures for cycling infrastructure in this city amounts to a rounding error in the scope of the budget. I understand the need for fiscal prudence, moving forward with proposed cuts will not materially change Hamilton's budgetary situation and will put lives at risk.

Investing in a complete and connected cycling network is an investment in a cleaner, more livable, and safer city. I urge you to uphold the current funding commitments of the Cycling Master Plan and Accelerated Plan in the upcoming budget.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Andrew Vermeer

