



Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Councillor Frances Nunziata  
Toronto City Hall  
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*Submitted by e-mail to councillor\_nunziata@toronto.ca*

Dear Councillor Nunziata,

**RE: It's Time to Address the Mid-Humber Gap**

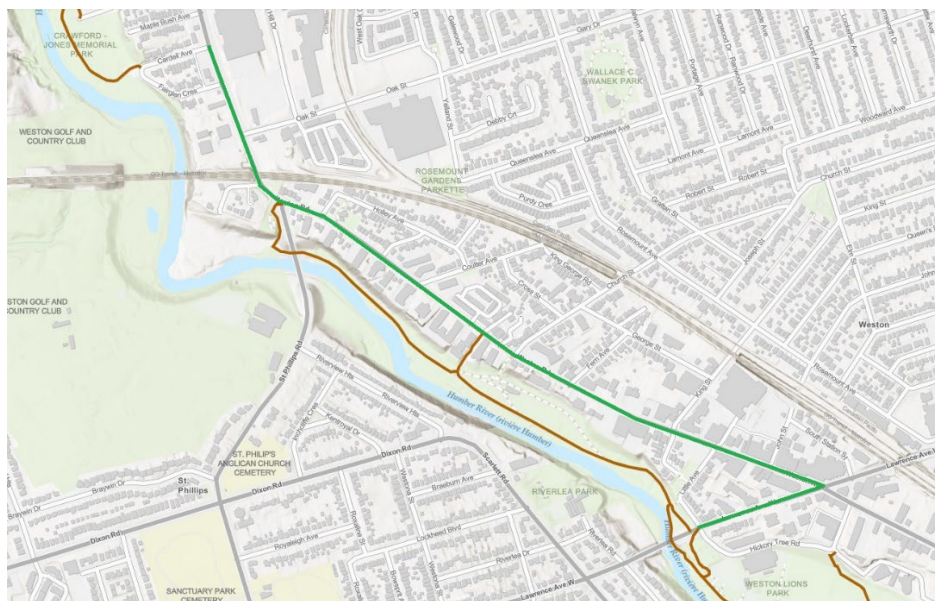
We have serious concerns with the Ford government's decision from January 2023 to put the Mid-Humber Gap on hold and subject it to an environmental assessment (EA). This is particularly egregious when other projects such as the proposed changes to Ontario Place – which would involve cutting 850 trees and spending at least \$650 million to benefit a foreign spa company – have this EA requirement waived.

Our group – Community Bikeways – was formed in May 2020 to call for bikeways along subway lines and busy suburban bus routes to help essential workers get around during the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, our group is focused on holding City Hall accountable, amplifying community voices, providing policy solutions, and hosting fun events related to road safety and climate action.

The Mid-Humber Gap in your ward is a long overdue project which is needed to ensure a continuous Humber River trail from Lake Ontario to Steeles Avenue; something which would have a far superior benefit to Toronto residents. This gap is also key to completing the Loop Trail consisting of the Martin Goodman, Humber River, Finch Hydro Corridor, and Don River trails.

Given the Ford government's move regarding the Mid-Humber Gap, we propose that the City of Toronto install temporary bike lanes on the following routes marked in green in the map on the next page:

- Lawrence Avenue West from Little Avenue to Weston Road (300 m)
- Weston Road from Lawrence Avenue West to Cardell Avenue (1.9 km)



While the southern portion of the Humber River Trail ends at St. Phillips Road, that trail entrance requires going up and down several flights of stairs which is inaccessible for those using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Therefore, we urge you and the Infrastructure & Environment Committee to support our call for a 2.2-kilometre temporary bikeway from the Lawrence Avenue Humber River trail entrance to Weston Road and Cardell Avenue **for installation in Spring 2024** to ensure a fully accessible trail detour.

This City's move to pursue a judicial review over Queen's Park's decision – scheduled for November 2023 – is one we welcome but is one that must be accommodated with short-term trail accessibility improvements such as temporary bikeways on Lawrence and Weston until the Mid-Humber Gap can finally be built.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with your office as soon as possible. Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any further questions.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Zaichkowski  
Community Bikeways

CC: Infrastructure & Environment Committee (Councillors Jennifer McKelvie, Mike Colle, Dianne Saxe, Amber Morley, Anthony Perruzza, and James Pasternak)  
Mayor Olivia Chow  
Becky Katz (Manager, Cycling & Pedestrian Programs)  
Barbara Gray (General Manager, Transportation Services)