



Safe streets
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2022 TORONTO MUNICIPAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN:

SAFE AND ACTIVE STREETS FOR ALL



How our city allocates public road space is a reflection of who it prioritizes. Toronto's streets are dangerous by design and prioritize the movement of vehicular traffic over the majority of people who get around by walking, taking transit, biking or wheeling.

**Toronto deserves a better connected city
that prioritizes **safe and active** streets for all.**

We are calling on candidates in Toronto's 2022 municipal election to commit to prioritizing four critical policy areas centered on road safety, equity, public health, and climate crisis mitigation.

Road Safety:

Roads in Toronto are dangerous by design. Toronto's Vision Zero 2.0 is based on the premise that all road violence is preventable. Since 2019 more than 206 people have died on our city streets, a disproportionate number being pedestrians. During the same period, almost a thousand people have been left with life altering serious road injuries resulting from traffic collisions.

We are calling on the city to end road violence by investing in Vision Zero, traffic calming measures, reducing traffic speed, and civilian-led initiatives that are evidence-based and reduce harm to overpoliced communities.

Climate Crisis Mitigation:

We can no longer afford to prioritize single occupant car trips. TransformTO's target of having 75% of all trips taken under 5km by active modes of transportation by 2030 is achievable, but only if we transform our city's streets to accommodate this shift. The biggest barrier to people taking up biking is the lack of safe infrastructure. Just as we redesigned our streets to accommodate cars 100 years ago, we can redesign our streets to be safer for all road users today.

It's time to move away from a car-dependent city by building Complete Streets and supporting the multi-modal future of Toronto's transportation system.

Public Health:

Investments in active transportation mean healthier and more prosperous communities, and have the added benefit of leading to savings in health care costs. By improving the safety and access to active transportation, Toronto would reduce collisions, injuries and fatalities. Collisions in Toronto cost over \$60 million each year. Additional savings in direct medical costs arising from residents staying active by walking and cycling are estimated to provide a further economic benefit of \$110 to \$160 million.

We are calling on the city to improve the safety and accessibility for people walking and using mobility devices by providing safe and connected bike lanes in every ward, prioritizing pedestrian safety, funding and supporting Active School Travel programs and providing car-free spaces for active transportation.

Equity:

Toronto's inner suburbs deserve greater investments in active transportation infrastructure. People in the inner suburbs are three times less likely to walk or bike than residents in the downtown core due to lack of safe infrastructure and safe active transportation options. Many Neighbourhood Improvement Areas (NIAs) are located in areas with arterial roads that account for the majority of traffic collisions. This represents an inequitable transportation landscape.

We need civic leaders to commit to investing in infrastructure in equity deserving communities to deliver a safe and connected active transportation network that is equitable for all.



**We have the research, strategies and policies to make our city safer and more sustainable.
WE JUST NEED ELECTED LEADERS WITH THE VISION AND POLITICAL WILL TO IMPLEMENT THEM
SUCCESSFULLY CITY-WIDE.**



We are calling on candidates in Toronto's 2022 municipal election to commit to:

1. Building Complete Streets across every ward in Toronto
2. Establishing and implementing a Vision Zero Safety Checklist
3. Streamlining the traffic calming process equitably across the city
4. Reducing the traffic speed on our streets to 30 km/h and 40km/h on arterial roads
5. Improving the safety and accessibility for people walking and using mobility devices
6. Accelerating the Cycling Network Plan to provide safe and connected bike lanes in every ward
7. Funding & supporting Active School Travel programs so young people can safely walk and bike to school
8. Investing in equitable methods to manage traffic enforcement by reallocating resources away from on-the-ground police enforcement
9. Reallocating road space by providing regular and recurring car-free spaces for active transportation
10. Supporting the multi-modal future of Toronto's transportation system



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