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Resident Road Safety is My Priority: Keeping Bike Lanes Clear

Toronto, October 9, 2024 – Today, City Council adopted my Motion to keep Toronto’s bike lanes clear and safe, reaffirming our commitment to improving road safety for all residents.

Obstructions in bike lanes, especially from construction activities and improperly parked City vehicles, continue to put cyclists at risk. “Your safety is my top concern, and I’m committed to making our streets safer for everyone,” said Councillor Ainslie. “We must immediately implement measures to significantly reduce the risks faced by cyclists and ensure our bike lanes remain accessible and safe.”

City Council adopted my proposal:

- Prohibiting construction companies from using bike lanes for garbage bins.
- Enforcing parking restrictions for City of Toronto municipally owned vehicles.
- Collaborating closely with City officials and agencies to ensure bike lanes stay clear.

This motion aligns with the City’s recent [*Don’t Block the Box program*](#), increasing fines for improper stops at intersections from \$90 to \$450 and from \$120 to \$500 in community safety zones.

These measures not only enhance cycling safety but also contribute to congestion management and make cyclists more confident in their environmentally friendly commuting options.

2024.IE16.7 - Enforcement of By-laws - Illegal Bike Lane Parking
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