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### ***OPPI Statement on Bike Lanes from a Planning Perspective***

Bike lanes support inclusive and complete communities, providing people with convenient and equitable options in how they move around to access their daily needs.

As registered professional planners, OPPI members work to support a variety of mobility options in planning communities. Bike lanes provide people with options, improve public health and safety, support economic activity, foster social interaction and community connectivity, improve air quality and mitigate climate change impacts.

The proposed legislative changes will not reduce congestion, will increase risk to public safety, and move away from evidence-based practices. It is also counter to the 2024 Provincial Planning Statement, which includes several policies that support the use of bike lanes.

Congestion, in the GTHA especially, is at an all-time high, and there is consensus that action is needed to reduce traffic while recognizing the confines of limited space on roadways. OPPI is eager to work with the province so we can create roadways that are safe for all road users and that provide people with multiple options to get around, including walking, cycling, public transit and driving.