

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS BIKEWAY NETWORK PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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Bike Boxes

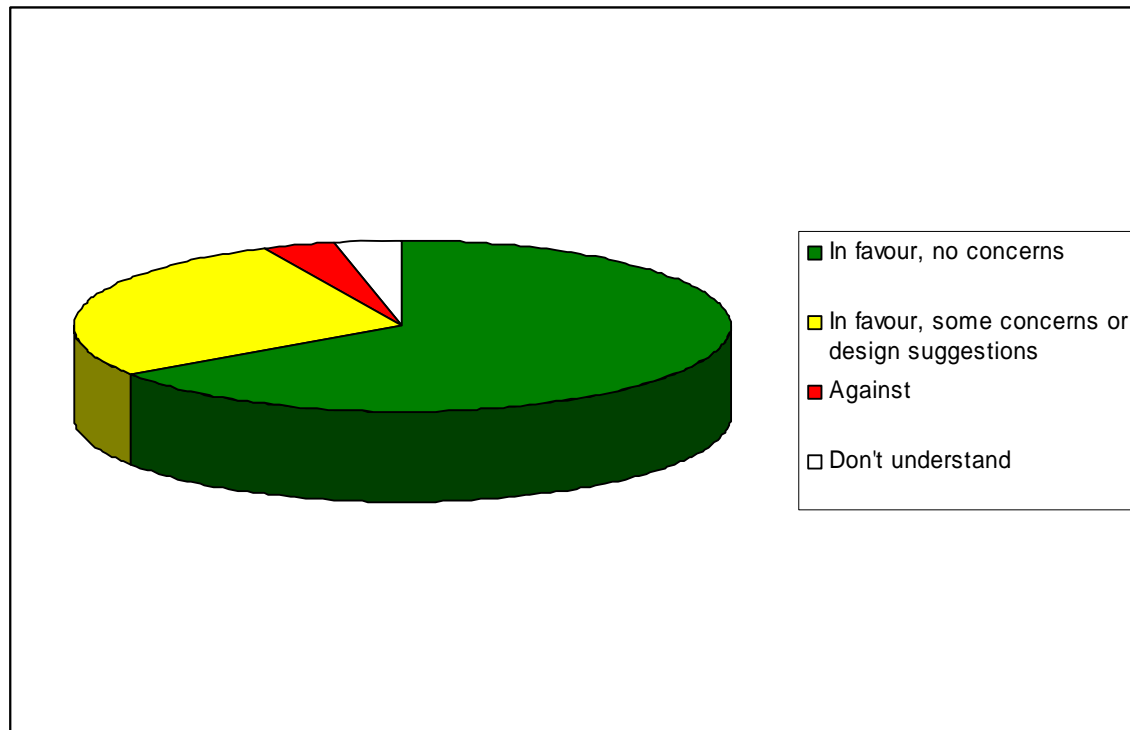
COMMENTS FROM FORMS

Do you have any comments about bike boxes?	
66% in favour	(11) This is a good idea, please make it happen.
	(5) A very good idea, but must be accompanied by an education campaign.
	(2) This is a good idea, but it would help if they could be painted a different color.
	(1) Bike boxes work best when cyclists have an advanced green.
21% in favour with some concerns	(3) I like the idea, but am concerned about the right hand turn restrictions it will place on motor vehicles.
	(2) Bike boxes would be less helpful, compared to the intersection treatments.
	(1) How will it be enforced?
3% against	(1) I am not a big fan of bike boxes as it seems that they block drivers from making right hand turns. Sharrows would be a better option.
3% I don't understand	(1) I don't know what a bike box is, I didn't understand the presentation.

COMMENTS FROM MAPS

7% in favour with design suggestions	(1) Design with one sharrow at the beginning and end of the intersection.
	(1) Suggests designs use a dashed line in merge zone.

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Intersection treatments

COMMENTS FROM FORMS

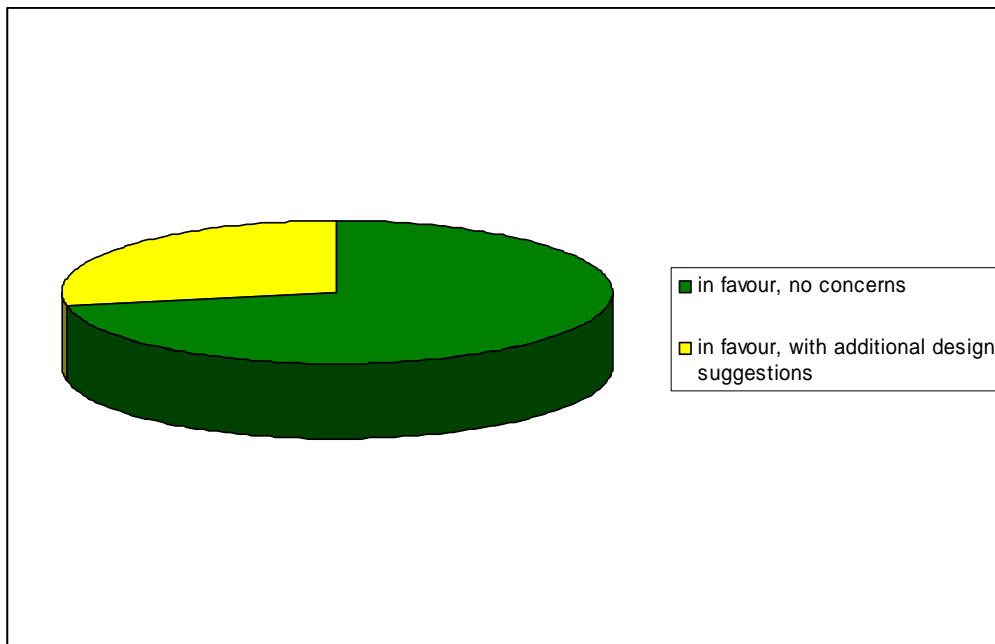
Do you have any comments about the proposed intersection markings along existing bicycle lanes?	
73% in favour	(18) A very good idea, I support this idea
23% in favour with additional design suggestions	(1) I like the idea, but think this should be presented along with a public education campaign.
	(1) When designing, place so that cross traffic does not wear them away.
	(1) I like the idea, but they should be a different colour.
	(1) I would like to see "in street" lighting, like in Copenhagen.
	(1) I like the idea, adding flexible bollards as an additional measure to control traffic would help conflict zones where drivers merge into bike lanes even more.
(1) I like the idea, but think that sharrow up to and across intersections would work better	

COMMENTS FROM MAPS

4%	(1) Add railing at intersections, like in Copenhagen. See image
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Rush hour Sharrows

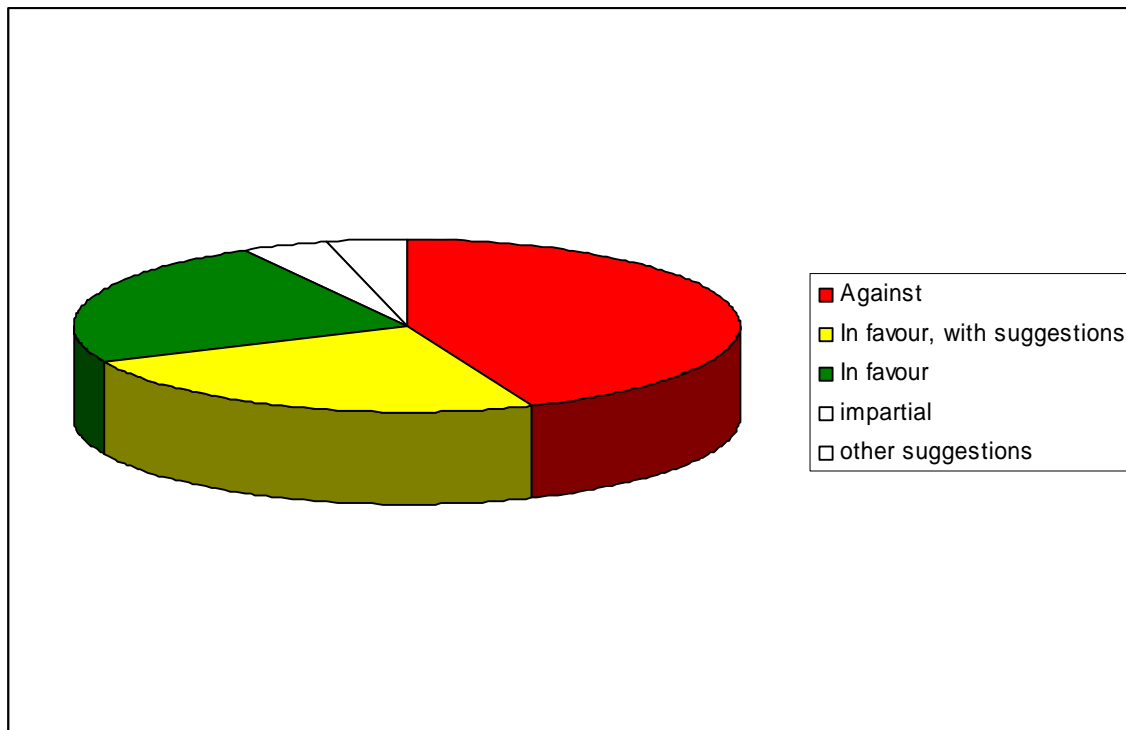
COMMENTS FROM FORMS

Do you have any comments about the “rush hour” sharrow bikeway design?	
43% against	(7) I do not know if this will work. The idea has to be further researched. I fear a design flaw could be dangerous for cyclists
	(2) These designs may cause confusion, as drivers may be unsure of if they can park on them and cyclists will be annoyed if people are parking on their lane markings.
	(2) Sharrows imply sharing the road is optional
20% in favour, with suggestions	(2) Rush hour sharrows would require an accompanying education campaign, because there is such a problem already with drivers parking in bike lanes.
	(2) I support this, but would like the sharrows to be a bright colour.
	(1) I don't know if sharrows will help, but they probably won't hurt as a reminder to share the road.
	(1) “Enforcement would be very important.”
24% in favour	(1) I like this, because it would encourage riders not to have to stay on the extreme edges of the roads, where the pavement quality is often very bad.
	(5) Let's try it, I think it will help remind people to share the road.
4% impartial	(1) I'm impartial to this idea – it's an experiment
4% other suggestions	(1) Cyclists should work with the TTC to get on-street parking removed from streetcar lines

COMMENTS FROM MAPS

There were no comments regarding rush hour sharrows on the maps.

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Separated lanes on University

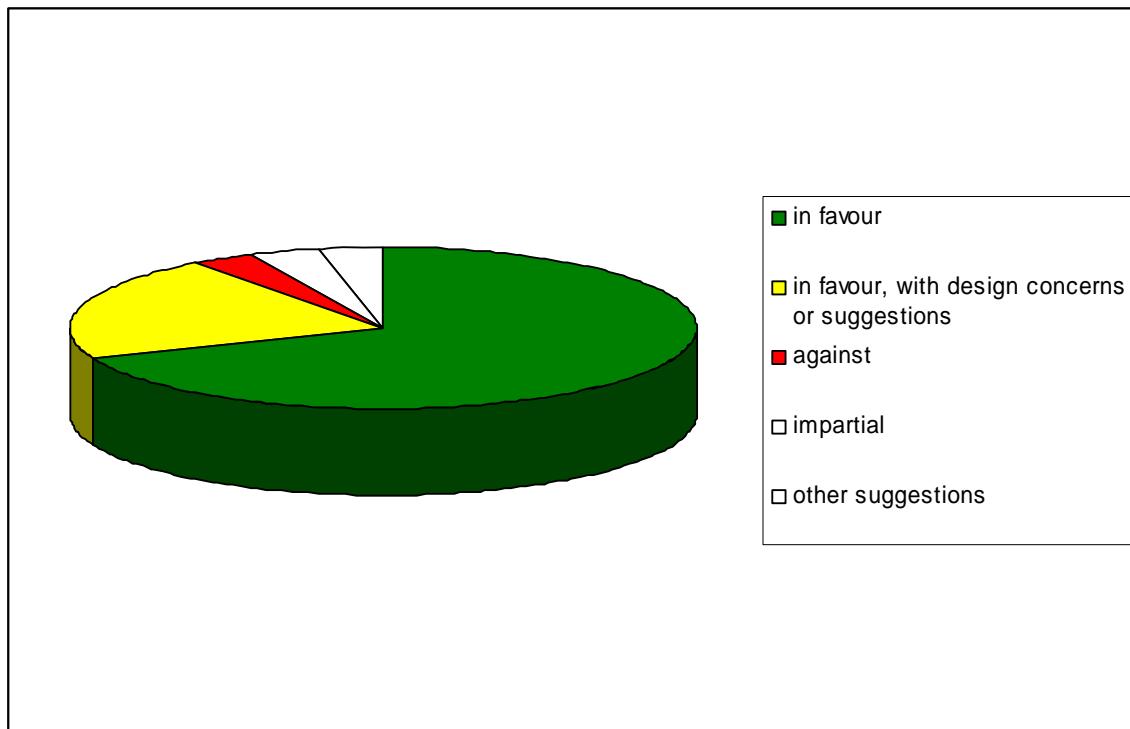
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Do you have any comments about the proposed options for a separated bikeway on University Avenue?	
67% In favour	(11) This is a great idea! I love it..
	(5) I like the idea. Bike lanes should be located next to the curb lane, separated from traffic by parked cars.
	(1) Around the park, using the curb side lane would be best, below college, the media lane would be best,
	(1) Please make sure poles are safe and reflective.
	(1) Keep the bike lane on the street (not park.)
	(1) I would like colored bike lanes
14% in favour, with concerns or suggestions	(3) I like the idea but am concerned by the design challenges of getting cyclists to a median lane, or avoiding cyclists/pedestrian conflict in a curb lane
	(1) I like the idea, but it should go all the way up to Bloor so it connects.
3% against	(1) University may be challenging, because of the Hospitals.
3% impartial	(1) Need more detailed designs.
3% other suggestions	(1) May want to consider more bike parking along this corridor.

COMMENTS FROM MAPS

7% in favour with suggestions	(1) Extend separated lane all the way to Bloor
	(1) Link University to York – don't stop at Adelaide.

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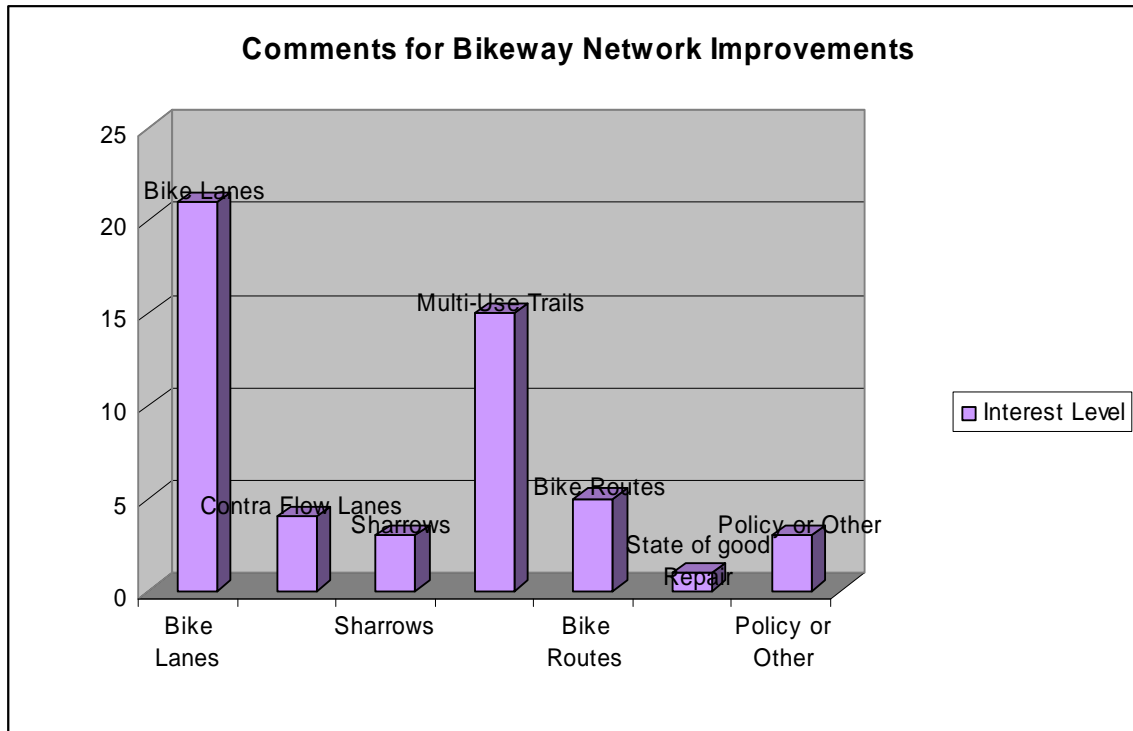
Bikeway Network

Do you have any comments on the proposed downtown bikeway routes or suggestions for additional routes in the downtown core?

For example, are there any routes which have not been proposed, but should be? Are there any gaps, or ways proposed routes could be improved?

Of all input	Bike Lanes	
39%	(5) I want to encourage fast progress for Bloor St.	
	(3) Please connect Harbord St. and Wellsley using either bike lanes or a route through the park.	
	(3) Richmond Adelaide should be considered for bike lanes or separated bike lanes.	
	(2) Extend Simco Bike Lanes all the way up to Dundas	
	(2) Put Jarvis in as soon as possible, please consider separated bike lanes.	
	(1) I would like to see bike lanes on Yonge St.	
	(1) I would like to see bike lanes on Front St.	
	(1) Bi-directional bike lanes along one of the curb lanes on Queen St.	
	(1) Don't mess with Sherbourne. – It's the best bike lane in Toronto.	
	(1) Include bike lanes in the work being done to create a tunnel at the Dufferin jog.	
	(1) Build more bike lanes anywhere possible.	
Of all input	Contra-Flow Bike Lanes	
8%	(2) Richmond Adelaide should remain 1 ways for cars with contraflow bike lanes for cyclists.	
	(1) We need a contraflow bike lane between Niagara and Bathurst on Richmond	
	(1) Contraflow bike lanes are needed to connect side street routes. I prefer riding on quiet side streets to main busy roads.	
Of all input	Sharrows	
6%	(1) Put the sharrows on all downtown cyclist routes	
	(1) Connect the gap on Bloor St. East between Church and Sherbourne St.	
	(1) Stretch of College between Bay and Yonge should be connected	
Of all input	Parks and Multi-Use Trails	
29%	(4) Need to improve bike access to the Brickworks. (1) Pottery Road is very dangerous. (1) Improve links to and From the Don Valley Trail (1) Winter maintenance on the Don Trail (1) Build a bike park (bmx,mtb, cx) in Lake Ontario Park (near Ashbridges Bay) (1) Convert the defunct CPR tracks into an East Toronto Rail Trail (1) Build a Redway Road extension to join Bayview and Millwood.	
	(1) Shaw is great going south, but going north along this route is harder because of the Park, A good bike path through Trinity Bellwoods would help.	
	(1) More connections from the Martin Goodman Trail to Queens Quay.	
	(1) Build a tunnel under the west Toronto railpath somewhere between Bloor and Cariboo. Some cyclists are unable to lift on bridge.	
	(1) Build a new rail trail along the rail corridor connecting Bathurst to Strachan	
	(1) Multi-use path" connecting the Esplanade to Jarvis is not working well. With the growth of the Distillery district, there are too many pedestrians now.	
	Of all	Bike Routes

input	
10%	(2) Connect Queensway to Queen St. or King to the Bottom or Roncesvalles
	(2) Need to connect waterfront via Beverly / Queen to Simcoe St. and/ or via BlueJays Way/Peter St./Reese St.
	(1) Sorauren is too narrow for a bike route unless parking is removed.
	(1) Queensway to Queen street should connect
Of all input	State of good repair
1%	(1) Improve Sherbourne pavement and markings
Of all input	Policy / Other
4%	(1) City should look into banning right turns on reds (bikes exempt)
	(1) Make Queen from Roncesvalles-DVP for streetcars and bikes only.
	(1) Remove cars from the downtown area entirely



Comments on other Programs

Other Comments	
	Bike Parking
	(1) The City should install more covered bike parking like at GO stations
	Education
	(1) I want a large share the road campaign, instead of the current fines which punish cyclists.
	(1) Bicycle education for new residents in waterfront neighborhoods.
	(1) Some minor intersections should be considered for alternate methods from the white dots to trigger the crossing cycle. The intersection of college and Huron for example would be a good spot for a push button, the dots do not seem to work.