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TO: Members, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

FROM: Councillor Pam McConnell

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Members,

I am writing to you in support of the request of Chair Minnan-Wong to the General Manager, Transportation Services for a report to the June Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the establishment of a downtown network of physically separated bicycle lanes.

This network has been a topic of discussion for some time, and has been fully supported by residents of my Ward. In particular, neighbourhood associations such as the Toronto Island Community Association, the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association, the York Quay Neighbourhood Association, and the Oak Street Housing Co-operative have endorsed the concept of a network comprised of physically separated bicycle lanes. Constituents outside of these groups have also written to me in support of a network, and to-date, I have received no communication in opposition to the network.

I fully support a staff study of a downtown network of physically separated bicycle lanes including, but not limited to, Sherbourne Street, Richmond Street, and Wellesley Street. Separation on Sherbourne Street has already been proposed and approved in principle (<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2010/agendas/committees/cy/cy100118/cy100118.pdf>).

Further, given the potential realisation of significant improvements to pedestrian, cyclists' and motorists' safety, I would urge that implementation be targeted for the current term of Council.

In addition, I would also request that staff proceed with their previous commitment to install physically separated bicycle lanes on Bay Street between Queen's Quay and the rail corridor as well as a bicycle path connection between Queen's Quay and the Ferry Docks as previously approved (<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2010.PW32.9>).

Respectfully submitted,

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