

February 19, 2015

**Attn: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee**

**Re: Request for Cycle Track Review and Design Improvements**

**Summary:**

Toronto's cycle tracks are valued infrastructure projects that have demonstrated the City's commitment to implementing safer bike lanes. Two early examples of such lanes have been installed in Ward 27 and Ward 28 along Wellesley Street and Sherbourne Street. In order to ensure that cycling infrastructure can be successfully expanded further in various neighbourhoods and throughout the City, it is important that emerging issues be resolved and that learning opportunities be made to improve design standards.

Two issues flagged on a regular basis are as follows: the improper parking of delivery and passenger vehicles in bike lanes; and access concerns raised by persons with medical issues, disabilities and the elderly who can no longer directly access their homes or medical services and facilities. To date, no comprehensive cycle track design evaluation study has been completed to permanently resolve either of these two outstanding issues.

**Recommendations:**

The General Manager, Transportation Services, undertake a review of complaints received by Transportation Services with respect to the Sherbourne and Wellesley Street cycle tracks and report back to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on May 13, 2015 with solutions on the principle concerns and locations of conflict in Ward 27 and 28, as well as to provide an opportunity for deputations. The following information should be specifically provided in the report back:

1. Locations of frequent parking in bike lanes and separation conditions (bollards and their spacing or curb type)
2. Locations where Wheel-Trans and accessibility taxis cannot serve persons living with disabilities and where the City may not be meeting the requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
3. Locations where parking obstructions force cyclists to merge unsafely with automotive traffic
4. Locations where residents feel they are forced to park or be dropped off that are unsafe, due to traffic conditions or poor visibility
5. Solutions and recommendations to remedy the conflicts to ensure safer street conditions for all bike lane and road users.

Sincerely yours,

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