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Dear Councillor Robinson and members of PWIC,

I am writing to you on behalf the ALPHA Alternative school community. Our school is located in the heart of the current pilot project for bike lanes on Richmond and Adelaide at 20 Brant Street.

We are a small school with approximately 80 kids from JK-Grade 6 with the majority of our families commuting by bike to school. On our bike to school ride this year from Trinity Bellwoods, we had over 25 families! The protected bike lanes on Richmond and Adelaide have definitely made riding to school easier and safer for many families, mostly our west end ones. While there could be some improvement on the current lanes (limiting construction vehicles in our lanes) on the whole, we are very pleased with this project.

It would be even better and make more sense to extend the lanes east to Parliament. Currently, the lanes end at University and then we are thrown back into traffic. Extending the lanes east would enable our east end families to ride safely to/from school. It just makes sense to create better cycling infrastructure in the downtown core, it's safer for cars/cyclists/pedestrians.

Upgrading Simcoe Street between Front Street and Queens Quay to a protected bike lane should be done as well. With 3 cyclists killed in the city in less than 2 weeks, providing safe, viable routes for cyclists just makes sense.

While we are starting to create better infrastructure in the downtown core, it is important to connect the east end to these improvements. One way to do this is to upgrade Shuter and River to Protected bike lanes as well.

Thank you in advance for your time,

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