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Attention: Nancy Martins
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RE: PW24.9 - Bloor Street West Bike Lane Pilot Project Evaluation

Dear Chair Jaye Robinson, and Members, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

This is to express the support of the Federation of North Toronto Residents Associations (FoNTRA) for the staff report recommendation to make the Bloor Street bike lanes permanent.

The study identified that, since the bike lanes were installed

- Motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians report feeling safer.
- The number of conflicts of all types are down by 44%, year over year.
- Bicycle ridership has nearly doubled, from 3,300 to 5,000 riders per day.
- Generally speaking, sales at businesses have remained relatively stable across the corridor.

It is evident that the new protected lanes on Bloor Street allow drivers and cyclists to co-exist in their own safe, predictable space. This is ultimately essential to encourage a shift to making cycling a mainstream and popular mode of transportation. Also, a city-wide network of protected bike lanes, like on Bloor Street, is key to achieving the safety goals of Vision Zero.

We recommend that City Council make the pilot Bloor Street bike lanes permanent.

Yours truly,

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