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June 21, 2011

Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON
M5H 2N2

Re: Proposed Bike Network

Dear Committee Members,

Please see attached correspondence to Mayor Ford requesting deferral of the Bike Lane Proposal.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Sisam
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January 10, 2011

Office of the Mayor
Toronto City Hall
2nd Floor, 100 Queen St. West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Ford,

I write with respect to the proposal to build curbs for separate bike lanes downtown as reported in the Star on January 7, 2011 and to ask you to initiate comprehensive consultations with the adjacent institutions and local communities.

The University of Toronto supports the use of bicycles and is participating in the City's Bixi bicycle program to be initiated in the late spring. We also have a number of bicycle programs and facilities for students and community use. In each case the programs and facilities have been the result of a consultative process, one which is lacking for the curb lane initiative.

The Star article included a map illustrating the streets where the proposed modifications will occur. Two of the areas are in the centre of the campus: St. George Street and Hoskin Avenue. St. George Street has been modified, a partnership between the City, University and a private benefactor. The discussions with for these improvements were comprehensive and resulted in a marked improvement to civic space as well as providing a creative and balanced solution to a mixed use thoroughfare.

We are now in the process of discussions for the St. George/Hoskin/Harbord intersection to initiate a 'scramble, intersection. There has been no indication in these discussions that a curb for separate bike lanes is being planned, and as a result there is no indication of what the configuration and impact of the street will be.

We would appreciate deferral of this proposal until comprehensive consultations can occur with technical information detailing the modifications necessary to the roadway and impact to thoroughfare: pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular.

Sincerely,

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CC: Dr. T. McTiernan, AVP Government, Institutional and Community Relations