



REFERRAL OF MEMBER MOTION BY CITY COUNCIL

Improving East Side Cycling Access to the Port Lands

Date:	June 14, 2012
To:	Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
From:	City Council
Wards:	All Wards

City Council Decision

City Council on June 6, 7 and 8, 2012, referred Motion MM24.6 to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

Recommendations

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Director, Transportation Services, in conjunction with the Acting Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to investigate the feasibility and desirability of constructing an access trail beside the East Don Roadway to connect East Side cyclists to the Lower Don Recreation Trail and cycling paths in the Port Lands.

Summary

As cycling continues to grow as a convenient, efficient, and carbon neutral transportation option in the City, it is important that pathways and access points to our waterfront are designed to facilitate cycling. At present there is not a safe and convenient route to the Lower Don Recreation Trail for cyclists east of the Don River.

Introducing a cycling trail beginning at Sunlight Park Road and extending down the eastern side of the East Don Roadway would provide at-grade access to the Lower Don Recreation Trail and allow cyclists and people using mobility devices a safer entry point to the Port Lands and the wider waterfront. Much of this route would run on public lands minimizing costs to the City.

(Submitted to City Council on June 6 and 7, 2012 as MM24.6)