May 15, 2012

To: Members, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Re: PW15.4 Status of the Wellesley Street Cycle Tracks

Dear Members,

I am writing in support of the above noted staff report updating Members on the status of the consultations for separated bicycle lanes on Wellesley Street between Sherbourne Street and Queens Park Crescent East.

Further, I would like Members of the Committee consider expanding the scope of the consultation, design and implementation in order to provide a better east/west connection to our separated bicycle lane network. Specifically, expand the scope of the project East to Parliament Street and West to St. George Street along Hoskin Avenue.

As the local conditions vary along this route, it would also be advisable to arrange for a locally focused consultation process which the Ward Councillors are in the best position to advise on. Therefore, I would ask that the consultation process be designed in consultation with the Ward Councillors.

Recommendations

1. Direct the General Manager, Transportation Services to expand the scope of the consultation, design and installation of the Wellesley Street Cycle Track Project to Parliament Street in the east and to St. George Street in the west.

2. Direct staff to consult with the Ward Councillors on the design of the consultation process for the portions of the separated bicycle lanes that are located in their Wards.

Respectfully submitted,

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