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To Mayor Rob Ford and Members of the Executive Council:

EX33.19 The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association Supports Expansion of the BIXI Bike Rental Program

I am writing to you on behalf of the St Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (SLNA). The SLNA is an association of residents in the St. Lawrence area of the City of Toronto and is incorporated as a non-profit Corporation; we have served this community and its 30,000 - 35,000 residents since 1982.

At our monthly delegates' meeting on June 26, our delegates voted unanimously to encourage the City of Toronto to support and expand the BIXI program as part of public transit. We see cycling as a healthy, cost-efficient and environmentally sound method of transportation that can help to ease congestion and gridlock both in our area and others. The BIXI program is a great benefit to our neighbourhood as it gives residents a viable option for local mobility that does not add stress to the current transit or vehicular channels. In fact it relieves it and makes it easier for everyone to get around. Visitors to our historic neighbourhood also find it useful.

Expanding the BIXI system and integrating it with public transit in our view would allow even more Toronto residents to benefit. The expansion alone as we understand it would make the program financially sustainable.

The SLNA would like to see the BIXI program expanded so that even more Torontonians and visitors can benefit from this important and valuable service.

Sincerely,

Steve Lowden
President
St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association

cc. Councillor McConnell
SLNA Board