

Public Works and Infrastructure Committee - My comments for 2013.PW25.3 on September 20, 2013 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

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Attachments: Letter to PWIC September 2013 Bay Bloor intersection.pdf

To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the September 20, 2013 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting on item 2013.PW25.3, Extending the Bay Street Bicycle Lanes.

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Thank you.

Regards

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BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA

September 17, 2013

Toronto Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
City Hall - 100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
Sent Via Email: pwic@toronto.ca

Dear Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Members:

RE: Item PW25.3 – Extending the Bay Street Bicycle Lanes

The Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Area (BIA), along with the residential community, who will be the most impacted by the proposed changes to the Bay & Bloor intersection are providing our position, which is as follows:

Proposed Removal of Dedicated left turn for Bike Lane extension

We agree with the conclusions of the Bay-Bloor intersection Sept 5, 2013 supplementary report that bike lanes not be installed and that the northbound and southbound left turn lanes be maintained, thus eliminating additional vehicular traffic on side streets such as Yorkville, Cumberland, Scollard and Charles, which are already at capacity.

We also agree with the alternative pavement markings and the inclusion of sharrows which will generally be consistent with the design being implemented between Bloor Street West and College Street. There is no dedicated bike lane on Bay Street directly South of Bloor; it is an urban clearway during the day and after 7:00 pm and on weekends, it has pay & display parking.

Removal of Scramble

The pedestrian counts do not support a scramble type intersection at this location and we are in favour of its elimination. Putting two scramble intersections in tandem has created traffic gridlock on Bloor Street and Bay Street in both directions. Bloor Street is a significant east west traffic corridor and it is heavily congested because of the scramble format intersections.

We would like The City of Toronto to consider what other major international cities do and use 3 way cycles at busy intersections: Cycle 1: North-South cars with turns allowed (no walk signals all ways) Cycle 2: East-West cars with turns allowed (no walk signals all ways) Cycle 3: Pedestrian scramble in all directions.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Dr. David Homer
Traffic Committee Chair

cc: Councillor Wong-Tam, Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale

