

Bloor East Neighbourhood Association

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To: CITY OF TORONTO - PUBLIC WORKS and INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE – FRI. 20th SEPTEMBER, 2013

re: PW25.2 BLOOR STREET WEST BIKE LANES - 2013 UPDATE

DEFERRED JUNE 19th, 2013 – PW 24.10 Wards 14, 18, 19, 20; Site Specific to Wards 27 and 28: Toronto Centre:

BENA supports the immediate revival of the Bloor-Danforth Bikeway Environment Assessment Study

REPORT: CITY REPORT – Bloor Street provided in detail Addendum

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.PW25.2>

HISTORY: CITY COUNCILLORS' REQUEST – Bloor Street

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-59920.pdf>

To Summarize Specifically to Bloor Street East... (in 2010)

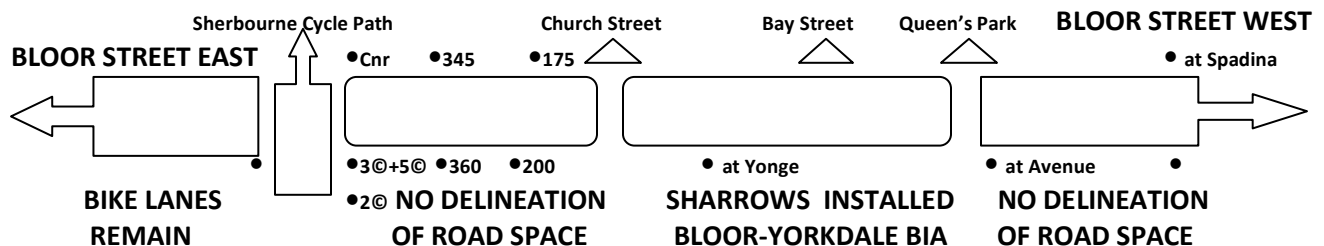
"Although a bikeway along the Bloor-Danforth corridor would be a significant addition to the City's bikeway network it would lead to severe impacts on traffic and parking. It is recommended that work on this Environmental Assessment Study not proceed further at this time and the resources allocated to this study be refocused on the other cycling initiatives set out in this Report."

The Request from Councillors to the Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Toronto. (2013)

"At its meeting on June 19, 2013 the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee consider a communication (PW24.10) from Councillors for Wards 14, 18, 19, 20, 27 and 28 requesting that staff "include plans to resume work on Bloor Street bike lanes, including the restarting the Environmental Assessment in the Transportation Services 2014 budget and work plan..." In essence the reviving of the Bloor-Danforth Bikeway Environment Assessment Study for the betterment and safety of all users .

The BLOOR STREET EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION (BENA) requests:

- Reasonable Conclusion versus a Responsible Accommodation of the Streetscape Realm for Users;
- Consistency of traffic flow so that action will be taken to standardize Road Use, Insure Pedestrian Safety and Cyclist Survival and importantly, Clear the Sidewalks of Cyclist Riding and Mixing with Pedestrians;
- Action Taken to Assist Road Management; Traffic Flow and Safety for all Road and Sidewalk Users;
- Be Consistent With Regard Signage and Movement; the Separation of Pedestrian Realm from Vehicles and Cyclist; and, for Uniformity of the Study Area from east to west; and west to east; and,
- On Bloor East, the correction of the current inconsistent road space to a Comprehensive Thoroughfare.



Westbound: • Pinch Point at Sherbourne → Rush Hour Sharrows + Signage to Resist Cyclist from Sidewalk Use

Eastbound: • Pinch Point at Church + Informal Parking Huntley to Sherbourne → closes curb lane to Cyclist

NB: INCONSISTENT ROAD WIDTH/ALIGNMENT • PINCH POINTS → encourages Cyclists into Pedestrian Realm

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ADDENDUM: BENA RECOMMENDED SPECIFICS on BLOOR STREET EAST – PARLIAMENT to YONGE

WEST-BOUND:

- 1 **Speed to Limit** conducive to Shared Road Space - Bloor west-bound (Not a DVP arterial);
- 2 **Pinch Point at Sherbourne → Create Visual Cues - eg: Dismount Cycle** on Side-Walk; ©
- 3 **Painted Buffer** at NW Corner as a Collector for Cyclist using south-bound Sherbourne Bike Path; ©
- 4 **Restrict Right Turn** Sherbourne south-bound vehicular traffic to create safety for cyclist on Bloor west-bound;
- 5 **Install “Rush-Hour Sharrows” on Bloor East** to deter Informal Parking /Encourage Enforcement (**see #10**); ©
- 6 **Pay and Display** at 360 and 200 Bloor Street East Restricts Cyclist Space and West-Bound Flow-**Limit Hours**;
- 7 **No Cycle Delineation** St. Paul’s Sq. to Church nor safety options with its raised adjacent granite planters.

EAST-BOUND:

- 8 **Pinch Point at 175 Bloor East – Informal Parking** restricts curb and forces one lane of merging traffic;
- 9 **Pinch Point at 345 Bloor East – Informal Parking** restricts curb and forces one lane of merging traffic;
- 10 **Install “Rush-Hour Sharrows” on Bloor East, Church to Sherbourne, CONSISTENT with Point #5;**
- 11 **Install Additional Signage** east-bound traffic on south side of Sherbourne (“No Turn on Red” is on north post)



2 © ► Pinch Point at Sherbourne west-bound on Bloor East as road veers left;



3 © ► Painted Buffer for Cyclist south-bound on Sherbourne;



5 © ► Informal Parking condenses Live Lanes often with excessive speed;



Points 1-11 ► Cyclists Forced to the Pedestrian Realm for Their Survival ... /jrb