

**Public Works and Infrastructure Committee - My comments for 2014.PW30.7 on April 9, 2014 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee**

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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the April 9, 2014 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting on item 2014.PW30.7, Eglinton Connects - Environmental Assessment Study

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

Councillors:

Please endorse and approve item [2014.PW30.7](#). This excellent change, as proposed, to the transportation options will be a great benefit to all the local distinct communities in the Environmental Assessment (E/A) area. As a stakeholder, I applaud this change. I agree with the BIA's along Eglinton that this PW30.7 change is much needed.

Please be aware that I live closer to St. Clair Avenue than to Eglinton Avenue West. I personally do not patronise any business along St. Clair Ave W. This street is completely hostile to cyclists. This streetcar ROW myopic plan was endorsed by the St. Clair BIA's. I must implore that Council does not make this same mistake.

When [2014.PW30.7](#) is adopted, it will bring life and increased economic prosperity to merchants along Eglinton. Please see the reports from the Think and Do organisation (attached to U of T) to support these claims. Cyclists do not block traffic, we are apart of traffic. I am also a motorist in Toronto. I am continually appalled by the behaviour of other motorists (performing U-Turns in the middle of intersections where they are not allowed, ignoring on-street paint markings, encroaching on intersections, etc.).

Please approve PW30.7 as it seems to include many properties of a "complete streets" model. Including cyclists and pedestrians in this E/A is a great step forward. Toronto claims to be a "World Class City": adoption of this PW30.7 E/A item will help repair this damaged image. Personally, I have had enough of the three year circus surrounding His Worship.

Thank you for you time on this matter.

Best regards,

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