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Subject: ANNEX RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION comments for 2014.PW31.7 on May 14, 2014
Public Works and Infrastructure Committee (Richmond-Adelaide Cycle Tracks)

To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 14, 2014 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting on item 2014.PW31.7, Richmond - Adelaide Cycle Track Planning and Design Study - Pilot Project

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:

The Annex Residents Association is pleased to support the establishment of a safe east-west downtown cycling route on Richmond and Adelaide streets as well as a north-south connection to the St. George bike lanes.

Our association includes a high percentage of residents who use bicycles as their preferred means of transport. Unfortunately, Toronto has fallen woefully behind even other North American cities in providing safe cycling routes for residents. In 2011, our association adopted a Cycling Policy (<http://www.theara.org/Resources/Documents/ARA%20Bike%20Policy.pdf>) calling for better on-road cycling infrastructure. More recently we, along with five neighbouring residents' associations, called for the implementation of a pilot bike lane project for Bloor St. in the Annex this summer.

We support as good planning the use of a pilot bike lane project in the Richmond-Adelaide area.

We encourage you to begin acting with significantly more dispatch in making Toronto a bicycle-friendly city to allow all Torontonians to enjoy the many health and financial benefits of cycling.

Sincerely,

Albert Koehl

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