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Toronto City Council
Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20

May 13, 2014

Chair and Members
Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
100 Queen St W
Toronto M5H 2N2

Dear Chair and Members:

RE: PW31.8 Wellington Street West and Simcoe Street Redesign and Two-Way Conversion

At the November 20, 2013 meeting of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, I supported the Financial District BIA who had significant concerns about the impacts of PW27.13 (Downtown Transportation Operations Study) on the future operation of Wellington Street to the east of Simcoe Street. The Committee referred the following motion to the General Manager, Transportation Services, for a report back to the Committee in June of 2014:


That City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, to convert Wellington Street to a two-way street from University Avenue to Spadina Avenue, with an appropriate approach to the Clarence Square ring road, and include in this proposal a capacity and design for potential bike lanes.

As part of PW31.8, the General Manager, Transportation Services is reporting back to the Committee on this motion, and the staff recommendation includes two-way conversion of Wellington Street from Yonge Street to Spadina Avenue, which passes through the Financial District BIA.

It is my understanding that the Financial District BIA has not been consulted regarding the operation of Wellington Street between Simcoe Street and Yonge Street since work on the Downtown Transportation Operations Study concluded last fall. The BIA has reported they were told by Transportation Services staff that any changes to the operation of Wellington Street would only be outside the BIA boundaries.

Many buildings in the Financial District BIA are accessed for parking and servicing via Wellington Street and the implications of two-way conversion have not been sufficiently studied and discussed with BIA members. It is premature to implement changes to the operation of Wellington Street between Simcoe Street and Yonge Street until the Financial District BIA has been fully and meaningfully consulted about the proposal.

Sincerely,



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