



May 13, 2014

RE: PW 31.7 – Richmond – Adelaide Cycle Track Planning and Design Study – Pilot Project

Dear Chairman Minnan-Wong and Members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT), a project of the registered charity Clean Air Partnership. TCAT's mission is to advance knowledge and evidence to build support for safe and inclusive streets for walking and cycling.

TCAT is in full support of the implementation of separated bike lanes on Adelaide and Richmond, as recommended in the ten-year Bike Plan adopted in 2001. Especially given that this critical improvement for cyclists in the downtown core is long overdue we fully support a pilot project to immediately install cycle tracks in this important corridor. We also fully support the recommendations regarding the permanent bikeway installations on Phoebe Street, Stephanie Street, and Richmond Street West, west of Bathurst.

There is a serious lack of direct, safe options for cyclists travelling east-west in the downtown core, particularly on Bloor Street and anywhere south of College Street. In 2003, the City of Toronto's Bicycle/Motor-Vehicle Collision Study found that bicycle-motor vehicle collisions were concentrated mainly on arterial roads, particularly the central east-west streets.

Research indicates that protected bicycle lanes are particularly appropriate on roads with few cross-streets and long blocks that are conducive to higher motor vehicle speed, such as Richmond and Adelaide. These bicycle lanes are long overdue and should not be subject to further delay.

We fully support the immediate implementation of both the pilot and permanent installations as recommended in the report.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Smith Lea".

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