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Councillor Toronto-Danforth Ward 30

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Chair and Members
Public Works Committee
100 Queen St. W
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: Opportunity to Study the Impact of Separated Bike Lane on the Bloor Viaduct

Dear Chair and Members,

Construction work related to the Luminous Veil Lighting Project on the Prince Edward/Bloor Viaduct has required the installation of jersey barriers to create a physically separated bicycle lane. The positioning of the jersey barriers has created an optimal, physically separated, bike lane in the east bound direction on the Viaduct and made entering and exiting the Viaduct safer for cyclists.

This is an ideal opportunity for staff to study the impacts of the physical separation on the Viaduct. Staff were directed by Council in 2011 to separate the Bloor St E bicycle lanes, but reported that bollards could not be drilled into the bridge deck as it would compromise the bridge membrane. Jersey barriers were not explored as an option at that time.

There is a significant gap in Toronto's cycling network east of the Don Valley. Danforth Avenue is the east end's only route with the potential to extend continuously to the downtown core. Taking advantage of the current situation provides an ideal opportunity to collect data and study the impact at a relatively low cost. Construction is scheduled for completion on June 6.

I request the Committee:

Direct the General Manager of Transportation Services, in conjunction with the Manager of Cycling Infrastructure and Programs to take the necessary steps to maintain the jersey barriers until the end of Bike Month/June 25 and to use this opportunity to actively study their impact during that period of time.

Sincerely,

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