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To: [Public Works and Infrastructure Committee](#)
Cc: [Jared Kolb](#); [Councillor Fletcher](#)
Subject: My comments for 2015.PW5.9 on May 28, 2015 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 28, 2015 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting on item 2015.PW5.9, A Road Safety Plan for Toronto

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Comments:

Dear members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee,

I am writing in support of Councillor Paula Fletcher's letter requesting that the jersey barriers that are currently creating a physically separated bike lane along the Bloor Street Viaduct remain in place for the remainder of Bike Month, and that this solution to separate cyclists from traffic on the viaduct be studied by city staff.

The painted bike lanes on the viaduct are frequently cited by local cyclists as a safety concern. On a personal note, a close friend of mine was hit by a car while riding in the bike lane on the Bloor Viaduct and had to be rushed to hospital. Eventually, she recovered, but I know she has been more hesitant to ride her bike since the accident. The driver who hit her drove away without remaining at the scene of the accident. If we are serious about increasing the mode share of cycling in Toronto, and reducing automobile dependency, as per the City's Official Plan, we need to ensure we are providing a safe environment for people to bike in.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to your support for maintaining physical separation between people who bike and those who drive along the Bloor Viaduct.

Sincerely,

Brandon Quigley

Co-leader

Ward 30 Bikes.