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Councillor Robinson, Chair  
Public Works and Infrastructure Committee  
Toronto City Hall, Suite A12  
100 Queen Street West  
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Dear Councillor Robinson:

**RE: PW 6.12 Pilot Project – Extending the Richmond and Adelaide Street Cycle Tracks to Parliament Street**

The Toronto Financial District BIA wishes to commend City of Toronto staff for involving us in a collaborative process to address the operational and safety concerns raised by our BIA and stakeholders throughout the Richmond-Adelaide Cycle Track Environmental Assessment.

One of our BIA's top priorities is the improvement of access and transit connectivity in the central business district. This includes multi-modal transit options such as cycling. Following our work with impacted properties, City staff, and the cycling community, we feel the City has made a reasonable effort to mitigate impacts on integrity of delivery operations in key building complexes. **The Toronto Financial District BIA offers its support for the pilot project extension of Richmond and Adelaide Street cycle tracks to Parliament Street.**

We have been involved as an attendee of all public consultations to ensure pilot project decisions were evaluated with a lens of impact on our area businesses. In collaborating with our own area stakeholders, we have brought forward significant concerns about the placement of cycle tracks along the south side of Adelaide Street where two of Canada's largest commercial office complexes have service elevators handling hundreds of truck deliveries per day. We have provided evidence from these buildings regarding their daily activity and made their operations known to all stakeholders in the cycle track conversation. Many of these properties accept deliveries via a truck elevator accessed from the street. The system can only accommodate one vehicle a time, resulting in queuing on Adelaide Street. Introducing a cycle track on the south side of Adelaide Street could negatively impact building operations and introduce new safety risks where high volumes of cyclists and trucks will come together. We have had a consistent, principled position that the south side of Adelaide is not an appropriate location for a cycle track and that any cycle track that is proposed must be able to address the operational and safety concerns unique to the Financial District.

We recognize that this is a pilot project with a period of evaluation where all stakeholders will bring forward further considerations and work together in a constructive fashion to identify further improvements to cycle track orientation. Our future position on the permanent installation will be determined by business continuity and cyclist safety concerns that we expect the City to evaluate closely, which include, but are not limited to:

- Impact to operations
- New safety risks and conflicts
- Changes in cycling volumes and patterns
- Seasonal use
- Impacts to adjacent infrastructure

We look forward to continuing our collaborative work with City staff throughout the pilot project and EA. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our policy and advocacy manager, Evan Weinberg, at (416) 849-3856 or [eweinberg@torontofinancialdistrict.com](mailto:eweinberg@torontofinancialdistrict.com).

Sincerely,



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