

June 16, 2015

Re: PW6.12 - Pilot Project - Extending the Richmond St and Adelaide St Cycle Tracks to Parliament St

Chair Robinson and Members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee:

We write as captains of Ward 32 Spokes, the community advocacy group representing Cycle Toronto members in ward 32 (Beaches - East York). We are pleased to see the success of the Richmond Street and Adelaide Street cycle track pilot project, as shown by the great increase in numbers of cyclists using these routes, and we urge you to approve the extension of these pilot cycle tracks to Parliament Street.

We have heard great praise for this project from a wide variety of people who ride bikes at our neighbourhood outreach events. Many people from our neighbourhood have either increased their trips by bicycle, or have tried travelling downtown by bicycle for the first time, as a direct result of this project. However, people who ride from our neighbourhood still experience a significant gap in the cycling network between this project and the bike lanes on Dundas Street East which end at Broadview Avenue.

Extending these pilot projects to Parliament Street will fill in a significant portion of this gap for people who travel from the east, but we request that you take steps to complete the connection to Dundas Street East, specifically:

- Upgrade Shuter Street to protected cycle lanes, from at least Sherbourne Street to River Street;
- Upgrade River Street to protected cycle lanes, from Gerrard Street East to at least King Street East;
- Install protected cycle lanes on Dundas Street East across the Don Valley, from River Street to connect with the cycle lanes east of Broadview Avenue.

These additional projects will connect the highly successful Richmond Street and Adelaide Street pilot projects with existing cycle lanes as far east as Woodbine Avenue, and from the Danforth to the lake, and provide a safe route downtown for many more people to choose to cycle.

We greatly appreciate your commitment to safe routes for all people who ride bikes in Toronto, and hope that you will approve these projects.

Sincerely,

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