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To: [Public Works and Infrastructure Committee](#); [Councillor Jaye Robinson](#); [Councillor McMahon](#); [Councillor Perruzza](#); [Councillor Moeser](#); [Councillor Lee](#); [Councillor Holyday](#)
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Subject: 2016.PW11.7 - Cycling Network Plan and Requesting Information to Consider Building a Minimum Grid
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Chair Jaye Robinson and Members of Public Works and Infrastructure Committee,

I urge the members of the PWIC recommend for adoption by City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to include options for funding of \$20 million per year and \$25 million per year within the next Toronto Cycling Network Plan report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee this spring, in addition to other funding options, so that Council can properly consider the resources required for the implementation of a minimum grid by 2018 and the accelerated implementation of the Cycling Network Plan in less than ten years.

I believe it is essential that we provide a safe cycling network of routes in all parts of the city quickly. Several major cities in Canada and across North America have and are ramping-up their delivery of these services - and have experienced massive increases in trips completed, safer pedestrian spaces and better motor vehicle traffic flow as a result.

Toronto's own pilot projects have demonstrated the same things - complete streets function better than streets designed to move lots of cars fast. (See Transportation's "Pilot Cycle Tracks Evaluation Reports" - <http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=a2422ef2e21ad410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD&vgnextchannel=ae48a00f92dd5410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>).

For the health of Torontonians; for our well-being; for the efficiency of our economy; and for the sake of the future of the planet our children will inherit, I urge you to adopt the motion and give Council the information, and thus the opportunity, to join cities across North America* in this oddly counter-intuitive understanding of the causes, and solutions, to modern urban roadway congestion.

* NYC DOT - November 2012 | Measuring the Street: New Metrics for 21st Century Streets | <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/2012-10-measuring-the-street.pdf>

Other City's experiences reflect Toronto's Richmond/Adelaide results:

People for Bikes | Statistics Library | Protected Bike Lane Statistics --> Good for everyone | <http://www.peopleforbikes.org/statistics/category/protected-bike-lane-statistics#good-for-everyone>

Sincerely,
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