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Huron Sussex Residents Organization

March 31, 2016

Public Works Infrastructure Committee
10th Floor, West Tower, City Hall
100 Queen St. West
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Re: Bloor Street Pilot Bike Lanes Proposal

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CITY OF TORONTO
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CITY OF TORONTO

Dear Councillors:

The Huron-Sussex Residents Organization enthusiastically supports the Bloor Street Pilot Bike Lanes proposal between Shaw Street and Avenue Road.

As a major east-west corridor in the heart of the city, Bloor Street is an ideal location for new bike lanes connecting with existing routes on Shaw, St George, Bedford, as well as Harbord and College Streets via many of the much used area residential streets.

The design for Bloor Street provides for curbside bike lanes separated by flexi-posts, parking on alternate sides of the street and one lane of traffic in both directions all times of the day. Designated turn lanes and synchronized traffic lights will ease traffic flow and ameliorate the loss of two traffic lanes.

While some businesses are concerned about the loss of parking space, a Bloor Street BIA study has shown that 85-90 percent of business is conducted by pedestrians and cyclists. And, since this is a pilot project, minor adjustments can be made if required.

In general, bike lanes are an inexpensive way to promote physical fitness by encouraging more people to cycle, provide for a cleaner environment by reducing the number of cars on city streets and allow for greater safety for all.

We strongly encourage you to approve this proposal and join with major global cities which have successfully built bike lane networks.

Sincerely,

Andy Vice, Vice President
HSRO

David Worts, Political Liaison
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"Citizen politics, unlike party politics, does not seek to change government, but to improve it by watchfulness, oversight and advice."

- Ursula Franklin