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Public Works & Infrastructure Committee
City of Toronto
100 Queen Street West
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Dear PWIC members,

I am writing on behalf of our Association to confirm our support for the pilot bike lanes that we hope will be installed on Bloor Street this summer and to ask for your endorsement of the pilot at your April 25th meeting.

Following public meetings organized by the Annex Residents' Association a few years back, our board voted in favour of bike lanes being installed on Bloor. Part of what persuaded us at the time, was that a study had been released the previous year showing that only 15% of shoppers on Bloor, between Bathurst and Spadina, had come by car during the study period.

More recently, many of our members attended one or both of the open houses organized by staff from Transportation Services over the past year. At the first, attendees were presented with at least 4 different configurations for the bike lanes, and asked to provide their feedback. Earlier this month, we had an opportunity to view the design for the selected configuration, and provide additional feedback.

One commendable feature of the proposed pilot is the commitment to measure the impacts of the bike lanes, once installed, on pedestrians, car traffic, parking, and local businesses. It is our understanding that the results of these studies will be presented to Community Council within a year of the installation of the pilot project, and that the results will help Council determine whether the pilot project should end or be converted into a permanent feature of Bloor Street.

It is our hope that Community Council will endorse the proposed pilot and that the bike lanes will be installed early in the summer, so its impacts can be properly measured.

Thanks in advance for considering our views on this matter. We look forward to learning whether the pilot project is endorsed by Community Council.

All the best,

Tim Grant, Chair, chair@harbordvillage.com, 416-847-1065