

Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

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Dear Members of Public Works & Infrastructure Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to support the Bloor bike lane pilot.

I really believe that Toronto cannot afford to miss this opportunity to address one of the most pressing issues of the city. The City of Toronto needs to support those citizens that want to have more sustainable, more enjoyable and healthier communities. Riding the bike should not be a challenge but a pleasure, not a problem but a solution for transportation and air quality issues.

Since I moved to Toronto, on October 2014, I have been using my bike all the year round. Only the most extreme Winter days stopped me of doing what I did when I lived in Barcelona or Amsterdam, using the bike as a demonstration of city enjoyment and civic action. I really love it and I believe this is our opportunity to make of Toronto a more progressive a forward thinking city. If someone has doubts, I would encourage you to walk or ride at Shaw and Harbord St, there are so many community interactions in a street that respects bikes!! The differences with Ossington St and Bloor St do not need to be mentioned.

Members of PWIC, you have the opportunity to make a positive impact in our City and show that Toronto is ready to take major steps towards a sustainable and healthy future. Please, do not miss this opportunity.

Yours truly,

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