

PW12.1.205

Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

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Subject: PW12.1 - Please support the Bloor bike lane pilot project!

Hello Public Works and Infrastructure Committee,

I am writing about PW12.1 "Bloor Street Design Feasibility Study and Bike Lane Pilot Project." I am happy to have my letter become part of the public record.

With BIAs and residents' associations in the stretch where the Bloor Bike Lane Pilot is slated to be installed, in support of bike lanes, I am surprised to hear that a few members of PWIC are not whole heartedly in favour of this project!

Toronto is shamefully behind most cities in North America when it comes to a connected, safe bike lane network. When I have friends and family visit from Vancouver or Montreal, they are shocked at the lack of bike lanes and where there are bike lanes, the thoughtless and dangerous designs of them.

In addition to the comfort and safety of cyclists that a bike lane would afford, studies from New York and around the world show how bike lanes are an economic boon to the street that they are installed in. Low vacancy rates and a big spike in sales are some of the immediate benefits that stores see when a bike lane is installed.

If we really want to be a world class city, we need to invest in a connected network of cycling infrastructure and the Bloor Lane Pilot is a great step in that direction.

On this Earth Day, I urge everyone on the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to please support the Bloor Bike Lane Pilot, for the environment, for the safety of cyclists, for the economic vitality of Bloor St. and for being able to make Toronto the best Toronto it can be!

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