



April 22, 2016

Councillor Jaye Robinson, Chair
and Public Works and Infrastructure
Committee Members
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON, M5H 2N2

Re: Support of PW12.1: Bloor Street Design Feasibility Study and Bike Lane Pilot Project

Dear Chair Robinson and Committee Members,

As the City Councillor for Ward 18, Davenport, I am writing in support of the pilot project to install cycle tracks along Bloor Street West, from Shaw Street to Avenue Road and encourage the members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to support the staff recommendations.

More Torontonians are choosing to travel across our city in different ways, including an increase in the amount of cyclists we see on our streets. As a result, it is important for us to explore a variety of options in order to create safer streets for everyone including pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

Our city is growing and it is paramount for us to be able to collect data on projects like this so that we can develop more effective and efficient ways for all residents to move around our city. The only way that we can improve as a city is by truly understanding the impacts and benefits proposals like this will have in our communities.

The collection of this data and feedback from pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, area residents, local businesses, and others will be critical in this process and will help us evaluate projects where different modes of transportation are able to coexist with one another in our increasingly growing city. I look forward to seeing the report on the findings of the evaluation of this pilot project.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ana Bailão
City Councillor
Ward 18, Davenport