

Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

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To: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
Subject: My comments for 2016.PW12.1 on April 25, 2016 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the April 25, 2016 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting on item 2016.PW12.1, Bloor Street Design Feasibility Study and Bike Lane Pilot Project

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Comments:

Dear Committee members,

As a Toronto District School Board trustee, I strongly support the proposed pilot project for bike lanes on Bloor Street between Shaw Street and Avenue Road this summer. The area that the project will take place in, if approved, houses thousands of students in high school and university, such as those who attend the University of Toronto, Ryerson, and Central Technical School. These students, many of whom already use their bikes to get to school as their preferred mode of transportation, would be far safer with bike lanes to give them a clearly demarcated section of the road during their commute. Cycling is healthy physical exercise, contributes to increased cognitive acuity, reduces traffic congestion, and does not contribute to air pollution. I subscribe to the Vision Zero concept of road design changes aimed at reducing collisions between those using cars and those using active transportation to zero fatalities per year. Please support the pilot project today. It will go a long way towards making Toronto a safer, healthier city.

Yours,

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