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Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

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Subject: My comments for 2016.PW13.15 on May 16, 2016 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 16, 2016 Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting on item 2016.PW13.15, Bike Repair Rebuild Stations and Do It Yourself (DIY) Repair Hubs

Dear Chair Robinson and members of PWIC,

I urge you to support a network of bike repair stations throughout the city. The TTC has made a good start by installing prototypes outside selected subway stations. But of course, cyclists ride to many destinations, not just transit stations.

A focus on priority neighbourhoods is welcome, since residents in these areas are less likely to be able to afford to buy their own repair equipment. I also support putting in bike repair stations on major trails. These can be situated in remote areas, far from bike stores and gas stations (which cyclists often visit to pump air into their tires). In the Midtown area, The Kay Gardner Beltline Trail would be a natural candidate for a repair station.

Finally, **I would like to suggest that the item be amended in order to include popular bike lane routes as another location that ought to be emphasized.** Traffic counts show that cyclist volumes tend to be highest on bike lanes, and it's clear that repair stations would be well-used, particularly at points in the cycling network where bike lanes intersect.

Yours truly,

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