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**Councillor** Toronto-Danforth Ward 30

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Councillor Jaye Robinson, Chair PWIC  
100 Queen Street West, Suite A12  
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Dear Chair and members:

**Re: Safe Cycling and Bike Lane Renewal on Dundas St E.**

As indicated in my previous letter, I'm strongly in favour of the proposed 10 Year Cycling Network Plan. Its mandate to renew existing cycling infrastructure bolsters the visibility, separation and ongoing maintenance of existing routes which have proven to attract even more cyclists and provide a safe and enjoyable experience for commuters. Furthermore, the practice of keeping our existing infrastructure up-to-date and in good repair will help to ensure our cycling system is still vibrant in decades to come.

The Dundas St. E corridor is a significant route for commuter cyclists throughout the east end and Ward 30. Cyclists enjoy its relatively direct route downtown via River St. and Shuter St., with few conflicts with public transportation. The route links the Leslieville, Riverside and Riverdale neighbourhoods as well as those further to the north and east. Working with local cyclists and City Staff, I have identified a few key opportunities for improving this route:

- Updated cycling counts in 2016.
- Updating lane markings, improving intersections and use of green paint to delineate the bike lane.
- Study potential separation with the installation of bollards separating the lane from traffic along key stretches.

While Dundas St. E is an important route from the east end to the downtown core, recently it has not received the attention that it deserves, due to a focus on creating new downtown cycling routes. The Cycling Network Plan is an exciting opportunity take a big step forward with focused improvements for Dundas St. E. With these investments under the Cycling Network Plan, I believe we can make Dundas St. E a model cycling route in the City.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jacquelyn Hayward-Gulati, Manager of Cycling Infrastructure & Programs  
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