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To: Clerk; Mayor Tory
Cc: Councillor Jaye Robinson; Jennifer Keesmaat; Councillor McConnell; Councillor Minnan-Wong
Subject: MM24.19 - City of Toronto Council Meeting January 31-February 1

MM24.19: Authorization to Release Section 37 Funds from Various Developments to fund the John Street Cultural Corridor Project - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão (Ward 20)

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Toronto Island Community Association. The Toronto Island community has approximately 700 year round residents and has the highest percentage of year-round cycling commuters in the City of Toronto – over 30% of its population.

As an early supporter of the proposed separated bikeway network for downtown Toronto TICA strongly supported the proposal for separated bicycle lanes through the downtown core on Richmond and Adelaide Streets which were approved by Council in 2011. We also supported at that time the introduction of separated bicycle lanes on John Street between Adelaide and Stephanie Street.

There has been an explosion in the amount of year round cyclists commuting year round in the last 6 years. Richmond and Adelaide have seen huge increases in cyclists since the addition of the cycle tracks.

John Street is the busiest north south bicycle route in the City of Toronto and is heavily used by island residents. John Street at Queen Street is the only signalized intersection on Queen Street West between University and Spadina that connects both the north and south side of Queen Street at a 90 degree angle. This is extremely important as one of the most dangerous obstacles in the city for cyclist is streetcar tracks. Cyclists to be safe need to approach street car tracks at 90 degree angle.

We are writing to request city Council direct that the design work for the John Street improvements include a design for protected cycle tracks on John Street connecting the cycle tracks on Richmond Adelaide to Stephanie Street to provide a safe north south connection between the bicycle lanes on Beverley and the balance of the separated bicycle lane network south of Queen Street west of University Avenue.

Yours truly

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