

 The Annex Residents' Association

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Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
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Sent by e-mail to pwic@toronto.ca

Dear Councillor Jaye Robinson (Chair) and members of the committee,

Re: PW 24.9 - Bloor Street West Bike Lane Pilot Project Evaluation

We **fully support** the staff recommendation to maintain the eastbound and westbound cycle tracks on Bloor Street West, from Shaw Street to Avenue Road, as a permanent installation, including changes to the current design that will improve safety and operations.

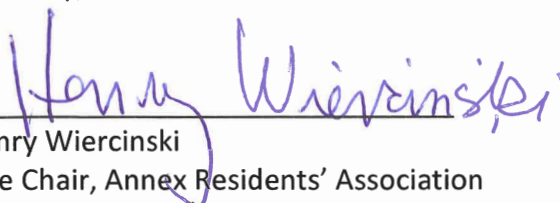
The Annex Residents' Association (ARA), encompassing an area that includes a significant portion of the pilot bike lane, has a long history of advocating for sustainable transportation. Recently, in January 2011, we adopted a Cycling Policy that called for permanent bike lanes on Bloor. In January 2014, we joined all five other local residents' associations in calling for the implementation of a pilot bike lane along Bloor.

We were pleased to see the results of the recent studies by the city and the Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) that confirmed the continuing success of the local retail area. We believe that a thriving and vibrant retail sector goes hand in hand with safe cycling infrastructure.

Toronto is growing and changing. A growing population requires that we find ways to share our limited infrastructure. Many Annex residents travel by bicycle for everyday transportation. We believe the bike lane will now help make their daily commute safe.

We thank you in advance for your careful consideration of this matter, and look forward to your endorsement of the staff recommendation.

Sincerely,


Henry Wiercinski
Vice Chair, Annex Residents' Association