

To: Public Works Committee

Hi Everyone. My name is Barry Alper and I'm here with ___ and ___ to speak to you on behalf of the Annex Business Bike Alliance. We came together in March of this year after repeated efforts to work with our local BIA.

I want to open today by being enforcing one thing: we are cyclists and we are supporters of bike lanes. We are also business owners and operators in the Annex, a neighbourhood that has always been know for liberal ideas, acceptance and diversity.

Since the beginning of this conversation, our position has never wavered – bike lanes on Bloor are a good thing, and the safety of cyclists is of paramount importance. We are happy that bike lanes on Bloor will be a permanent fixture.

However, we are concerned because we don't feel that this pilot project is being responsibly and productively reviewed, and we don't want to end up with permanent bike lanes that aren't as effective or as safe as they could be due to insufficient time and resources dedicated to the review of this pilot project.

For some reason, this issue has become polarized and oversimplified leaving people in one of two camps; bike lanes or no bike lanes.

We are suggesting a different alternative. We suggest a solution that is reflective on the community feel of the Annex, where people work together and different voices are heard, considered and accommodated. Figuratively and literally, we are looking for a Middle Path, in which we say yes to bike lanes, but also yes to potentially redesigning these bike lanes to improve cyclist safety, motorist flow, and the success of neighbourhood businesses.

Bike lanes on Bloor should be a certainty, so if we all agree that that's the case, now is the time to assess what can be done to improve them. Let's do the work NOW to make bike lanes a vital and welcome part of the Bloor street infrastructure going into the future.

Please, let's learn from other neighbourhoods and cities that have successfully implemented bike lanes in order to create a permanent, holistic solution that benefits the entire neighbourhood; cyclists, businesses, pedestrians and motorists included. We need to look at the whole picture, thinking about what everyone's needs are, or what I call The Middle Path. That is how we continue to build a flourishing 21st century city.

In looking at how to improve the pilot project, there are four main concerns here that I would like to talk to you about: Data, Safety, Traffic Flow and Design.

Other Information

1. TCAT Questions asked to business's
 - How many customers do you serve per day?
 - How did you get to work today?
 - How do you usually get to work?
 - Has there been a change in how you get to work since the Bloor bike lanes were installed?
 - Where do you live?
 - From May to September how many days do you bike to work?
 - What percentage of your customers would you estimate come by bike/car/transit/on foot?
 - How safe do you feel riding a bike on Bloor St.?

2. ABBA Survey results – PDF FILE

3. Questionnaire sent to city staff (May 2017) that we wanted the city to conduct for business's – They never used them

Questions for Business Survey

Business Questions

General Information

What kind of merchant are you? (retail store, restaurant/bar/café, services-based, health centre etc)

Is your business at Street Level or Second floor

What is your role in the business/organization?

What your open hours?

How long has your Annex location been in business?

Do you have multiple locations in the GTA

Sales/Business

August 2016 – October 2016 compared to August 2015 – October 2016

November 1 2016 – March 31 2017 compared to November 2015 – March 31, 2016

Same period number of guests

If you have other locations in the GTA how do they compare to the above numbers

Had your sales the previous year (2015) been on the rise or in decline?

Delivery/Operations

When do you usually receive deliveries?

- **Where did you receive deliveries before the bike lanes?**
- **Where do you receive deliveries now with bike lanes?**
- **How often do you receive deliveries?**
- **How many different companies provide deliveries?**

Customer Profile

Does your business serve take-away?

How long would the average customer spend in your store?

Does your business sell large, heavy or specialty items that are likely to require a customer to require a motor vehicle? Please describe.

Does your business serve a higher than average number of people with physical disabilities (e.g. a medical clinic, rehabilitation centre)

Do you have a sense of how the bulk of your customers arrive to your place of business? If so, how did you arrive at that conclusion

Parking Questions

What is a reasonable distance to expect your customers to walk from their parked vehicle to your business?

Do you have any dedicated parking for your customers e.g. rear private parking lot?

Employees

- 1. Do employees cycle to work and if so what is the % who travel this way?**
- 2. Have you added or reduced employees or shifts since August 2016**
- 3. How many employees do you have on site on an average day?**

Overall

Do you consider street parking to be important for your business?

Do you consider bicycle parking to be important for your business?

What challenges have you faced to conducting your business as a result of the changes to Bloor street lane configurations? What solutions have you implemented?

Beyond changes to the roadway, what other factors do you believe are affecting businesses on Bloor Street

**Do you feel Bike Lanes are worth the trade off.
Do you support cycling in the GTA?**

- 4. Questions we asked the city about traffic flow(May 2017) and Safety – They never answered us.**

See attached Document

Annex Bike Lanes/Economic Impact Survey



SUMMARY → DESIGN SURVEY → COLLECT RESPONSES → **ANALYZE RESULTS**

CURRENT VIEW ? ^

+ FILTER + COMPARE + SHOW

No rules applied ?

Rules allow you to **FILTER, COMPARE** and **SHOW** results to see trends and patterns.

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SAVED VIEWS (1) ? ^

Original View (No rules applied) ...

+ Save As

EXPORTS ? v

SHARED DATA (2) ? ^

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RESPONDENTS: 62 of 62

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QUESTION SUMMARIES DATA TRENDS INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES

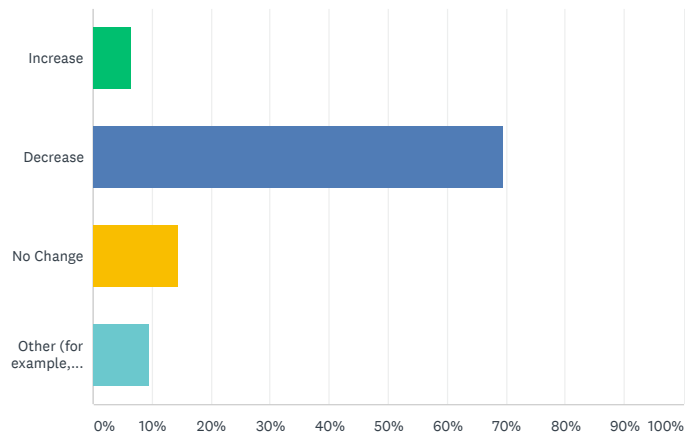
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Q1

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How has the Bloor Street Bike Lane Project affected my business sales?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 0



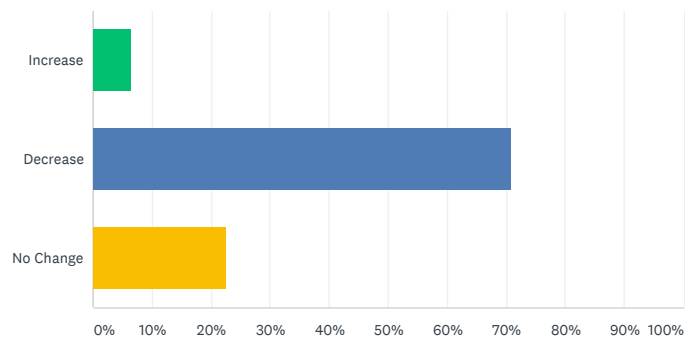
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increase	6.45%	4
Decrease	69.35%	43
No Change	14.52%	9
Other (for example, decreased during winter months)	9.68%	6
TOTAL		62

Q2

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How has the Bloor Street Bike Lane Project affected customer traffic for my business during DAYTIME hours?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Increase	6.45%	4
▼ Decrease	70.97%	44
▼ No Change	22.58%	14
TOTAL		62

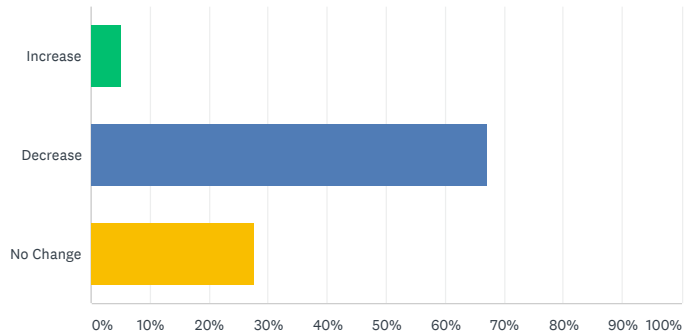
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Q3

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How has the Bloor Street Bike Lane Project affected customer traffic for my business during EVENING hours?

Answered: 58 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Increase	5.17%	3
▼ Decrease	67.24%	39
▼ No Change	27.59%	16
TOTAL		58

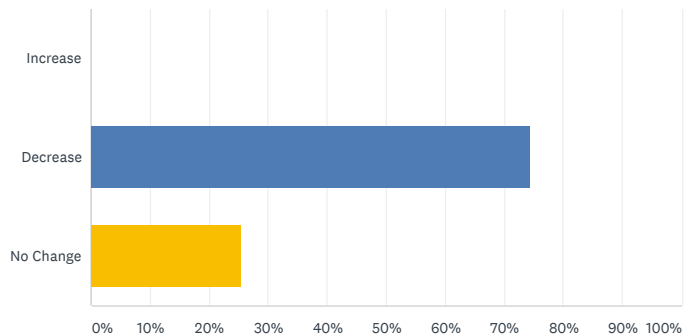
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Q4

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How have the changes made to the street parking on Bloor Street since August 2016 affected my business?

Answered: 59 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Increase	0.00%	0
▼ Decrease	74.58%	44
▼ No Change	25.42%	15
TOTAL		59

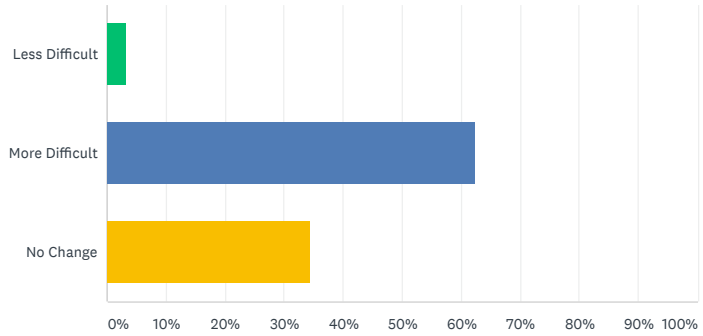
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Q5

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How have the deliveries to and from my business changed on Bloor Street since August 2016?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less Difficult	3.28%	2
More Difficult	62.30%	38
No Change	34.43%	21
TOTAL		61

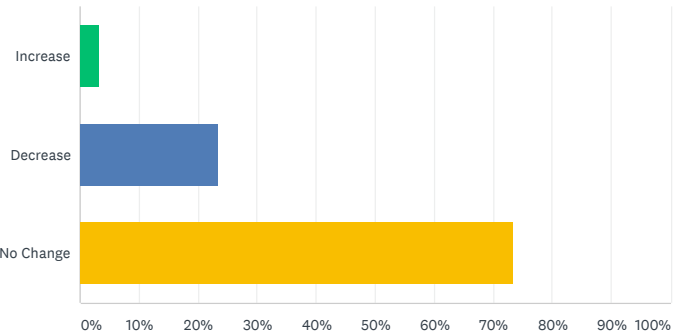
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Q6

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How have the changes made to street parking affected your hours of operation?

Answered: 60 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Increase	3.33%	2
Decrease	23.33%	14
No Change	73.33%	44
TOTAL		60

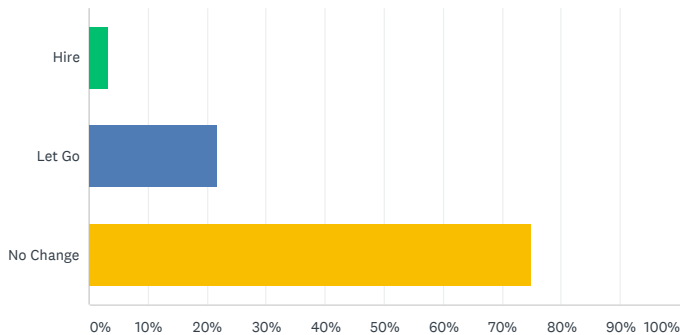
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Q7

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How have the changes made to the street parking affecting my staffing? If applicable, please state the number of staff hired or let go:

Answered: 60 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Hire	3.33%	2
▼ Let Go	21.67%	13
▼ No Change	75.00%	45
TOTAL		60

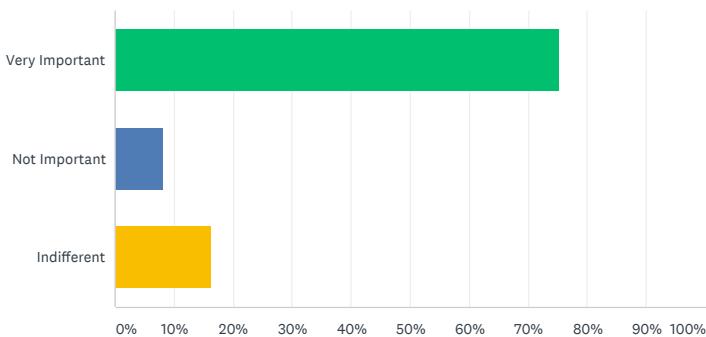
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How important is street parking on Bloor Street to my business?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Very Important	75.41%	46
▼ Not Important	8.20%	5
▼ Indifferent	16.39%	10
TOTAL		61

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Collisions

2015-2016
Aug - Jan

2016-2017
Aug - Jan

Bloor Street

Harbourd

Dupont

College

Adelaide

Richmond

**Year Before
Bike Lanes**

**Bike Lane
Introduction**

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Bloor Bike Lane

Traffic Counts

September 2015 - October 2015
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Bike West to East
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