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**To:** [Public Works and Infrastructure Committee](#); [Councillor Jaye Robinson](#); [Councillor Holyday](#); [Councillor Lee](#); [Councillor Perruzza](#); [Councillor Mammoliti](#); [Councillor Carmichael Greb](#)  
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**Subject:** Downtown Toronto cycling infrastructure serving our school  
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## **ALPHA ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL**

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RE: Downtown Toronto cycling infrastructure serving our school

Dear Chair, co-chair and members of the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee, Councillors: Jaye Robinson, Stephen Holyday, Chin Lee, Anthony Perruzza, Giorgio Mammoliti, and Christin Carmichael Greb, and PWIC Secretariat Contact, Nancy Martins,

Thank you for your work to support cycling infrastructure in Toronto.

Our school is located at the corner of Brant and Adelaide streets. The protected bike lanes on Richmond and Adelaide are very important to us. We are surprised to learn that you will be reviewing them at some point and they're still a pilot project after almost 3 years.

ALPHA Alternative School is a school of choice and students attend from all over the City of Toronto. Many of our community cycle to school. Indeed in 2015, ALPHA was honoured by winning a TDSB competition on "Bike to School Day". Our school had the highest percentage of the community biking to school that day. Perhaps this is because our schoolyard runs next to the Adelaide St. bike track. We greeted this bike track with much enthusiasm and it's used daily throughout the year by our staff, students and parents. Good cycling infrastructure is important and keeps everyone (cyclists, pedestrians and motorists ) safe.

We write to you now to strongly support making the Richmond and Adelaide cycle tracks permanent. Our school community relies on them. Please keep us updated about their status, when you will be reviewing them and when we can look forward to counting on them as a permanent fixture of our school's neighbourhood.

Also, as you know, we are still limited by the lack of interconnected cycling infrastructure in our marvellous city. We want to keep our kids safe and be able to bike to school! We support the new contra-flow lanes on the Denison-Bellevue cycling route, which has made a huge difference for families cycling to school from the north and is used everyday. However, we suggest a review is done of the proposed John Street project to include protected bicycle lanes on John Street between Adelaide and Stephanie Streets. John St. is used by many cyclists each day. Peter and Soho streets do not make sense for

northwest to southeast routes (and vice versa). We support a rethink of the John St. design so that bike tracks can be part of the mix of transit uses on this corridor.

Thank you,

Tania Szablowski

On behalf of ALPHA Alternative School Parent Council

Cc : Mayor John Tory, Councillor Joe Cressy, Councillor Mike Layton, Councillor Kristyn Wong Tam, City of Toronto Cycling Staff, Cycle Toronto