

RE: Item EX4.2: The Future of King Street - Results of the Transit Pilot

Julie Amoroso Executive Committee Secretariat 10th floor, West Tower, City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

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Dear Ms. Amoroso,

I'm writing to express to the Executive Committee that Social Planning Toronto supports making the King Street Pilot permanent.

Social Planning Toronto is a non-profit, charitable community organization that works to improve equity, social justice, and quality of life in Toronto.

Good transit is an essential part of quality of life in our city. Many Torontonians rely on transit, and the more time they spent getting to where they need to — going to work or school, taking children to daycare, etc. — the less time they have with family and friends. As a key transit corridor, King Street must provide a fast and reliable option for people to travel around our city.

The year-long pilot has improved travel on King Street not only for transit riders, but also for cyclists, and pedestrians — together, they make up over 80% of the road's users. It has also boosted transit ridership by over 10,000 passengers because of the significant service improvements experienced by riders.

The King Street Pilot has been a major success and we support making it permanent.

Sincerely,

Devika Shah

Executive Director

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