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Dear members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

As you know, the data suggests the Richmond- Adelaide Cycle Track pilot project has been an undisputable success. According to the report before you, cycling volumes increased between 800- 1,300% along the length of the corridor. Richmond and Adelaide Streets now comprise the City's busiest cycling route. Confirming these routes as part of the City's permanent cycling network is a logical next step.

Due to the fact that the cycle tracks are a pilot project, no permanent changes to the road have been made to separate cars from vehicles. The current separation consists largely of flexible plastic posts. We believe that when these lanes are made permanent, safety improvements must be implemented.

Last year 47 vulnerable road users were killed on Toronto's streets. To reach the goal of "Vision Zero," decisive action must be taken to make our streets safer as soon as possible. Improving the safety of Toronto's busiest cycling route cannot wait until major road construction takes place. Concrete curbs or barriers should be explored for implementation in 2019, such as those used on the recently completed Lake Shore Cycle Track in Etobicoke.

Intersections are the most dangerous locations for cyclists. Protected bicycle intersections have recently been implemented in Ottawa and Vancouver and should be explored where Richmond and Adelaide Streets intersect north-south cycling routes to ensure maximum safety at these six locations.

The Toronto Youth Cabinet supports making the cycle tracks permanent, but requests that improved safety measures be included upon approval.

Sincerely,

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The Toronto Youth Cabinet

Created by City Council in 1998, the Toronto Youth Cabinet is a youth-led advocacy organization and the official youth advisory body of City of Toronto. Through outreach, engagement and training, the TYC provides a critical gathering place for diverse young people interested in making change within a municipal governance context.



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