

May 22, 2020

**Via E-mail**

Councillor Joe Cressy  
Councillor Mike Layton  
Toronto City Hall  
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Dear Councillors Cressy and Layton,

We at SickKids strongly support your initiative to open protected cycle tracks on University Avenue and Avenue Road from Davenport southward.

Many of our staff cycle to work, and many more will need to during the pandemic recovery. Cycling allows for safe spacing during a commute. Our staff need alternatives to mass transit in order to maintain spacing. Cycling is an efficient use of road space compared with motor vehicles, and confers many health and environmental benefits for individuals and the community.

We have always promoted safe, active transportation for children and for adults. Our researchers have documented the success of prior Toronto cycle tracks at increasing cycling and decreasing motor vehicle - cyclist collisions.

Two main barriers to increased cycling in Toronto are lack of safety, and lack of connectivity in the cycling network. Cycle lanes on University Avenue address both of these barriers. We wholeheartedly support their adoption as part of an ambitious, evaluated strategy to improve safe and active transportation for our SickKids staff and patients, as well as all Toronto citizens.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ronald Cohn  
President & CEO

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