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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the November 5, 2020 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting on item 2020.IE17.7, Clearing the Path Towards a Safe and Accessible Winter

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Comments:

Dear IEC members,

I am writing to offer strong support for item IE17.7.

It is vital that the city give residents alternatives to the private, gasoline-burning automobile. As part of this, it is crucial that we make cycling infrastructure as safe and accessible as possible. Proper winter maintenance of bike lanes is essential if we want residents to commute by bike during the colder months. Just as we need to clear roadways to protect the safety of motorists, so too we need to clear bike lanes to protect the safety of cyclists.

If the city is to reach its greenhouse gas reduction targets – as it must – it needs to encourage year-round cycling. But this can only be achieved if bike lanes remain safe and convenient during the winter. The current proposal is an important step towards this end.

Thank you.

Yours,

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