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Subject: Re: IE22.11 Cycling Network Plan - 2021 Cycling Infrastructure Installation
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Attachments: [210523 SLNA cyclina letter to iec.pdf](#)

Please see the attached letter of support from the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association Board of Directors in respect of agenda item IE22.11 at this week's meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee.

The Board also requests, if available, that a public link to this submission be provided.

Thank you,
Stewart Linton
President, SLNA

May 23, 2021

TO: Toronto Infrastructure and Environment Committee

RE: Cycling Network Plan - 2021 Cycling Infrastructure Installation - Second Quarter Update and Missing Link Sidewalk Program - 2021 Local Road Sidewalk Installation

AGENDA ITEM: IE22.11

RECOMMENDATION (extracts): The General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

City Council authorize the installation of bicycle lanes, or bicycle lane by-law amendments, on the following sections of roadway, as described in Attachment 2 - Designated Bicycle Lanes:

2. City Council authorize the installation of cycle tracks, or adjustments to cycle track by-laws on the following sections of roadway, as described in Attachment 3 - Designated Cycle Tracks:
 - a. Bayview Avenue (from Front Street East to Mill Street);
 - c. George Street South (from The Esplanade to Wilton Street);
 - d. The Esplanade (from Yonge Street to Berkeley Street);
 - f. Mill Street (from Parliament Street to Bayview Avenue);
5. City Council authorize the amendments to traffic and parking regulations associated with Recommendations 1, 2, and 4 above, as described in Attachment 5 - Amendments to Traffic and Parking Regulations.
13. City Council authorize the reduction of the speed limit from 40 kilometres per hour to 30 kilometres per hour on The Esplanade from Yonge Street to Berkeley Street.

Dear Members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

The St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association (SLNA) is a not-for-profit community organization incorporated in 1982, which represents the interests of 30,000+ people who live in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood. It is a founding member of the West Don Lands Committee.

SLNA supports those recommendations in the report which are listed above and which are specific to its neighbourhood. These recommendations address issues of opportunity and concern which both the Association and a large number of its residents have expressed throughout the evaluation, feedback and recommendation steps that form the foundation of this submission to the Committee.

These include:

- issues identified in a traffic safety audit conducted in the St Lawrence Neighbourhood by neighbourhood volunteers in the fall of 2018
 - speeding observed on Jarvis St. southbound to and northbound from the Gardiner expressway
 - red light turning offences at Jarvis and The Esplanade which is consistently in the list of the top 10 intersections with the most red-light running offences;

- intersections blocked by cars impeding pedestrians crossing the street;
- gridlock on The Esplanade, Jarvis and Sherbourne, particularly during rush hour, when pedestrian traffic also peaks;
- an unsafe and inconsistent cycling infrastructure east to west along The Esplanade; many cyclists ride on the sidewalks on The Esplanade, increasing safety risks for pedestrians – seniors, children, and anyone using a walker or stroller
- delays on public transit routes, particularly the 121 (Fort York-Esplanade) bus resulting from traffic congestion

The Association supports the Goals of the Esplanade and Mill project, which these recommendations will foster, including:

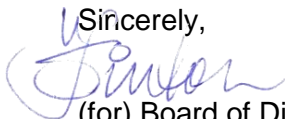
- improved safety for all vulnerable road users – pedestrians and cyclists alike:
 - bi-directional cycle track;
 - reducing the number of cyclists on the pedestrian sidewalk on the Esplanade;
 - improved safety for students of the three schools in the area;
- improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists by separating walking and cycling routes through Parliament Square park;
- reduced speed limit on the Esplanade;
- reduced non-local car traffic with implementation of one-way blocks;
- reduced curbside parking, improving visibility for pedestrians and cyclists;
- turn restrictions at Jarvis and the Esplanade to reduce congestion;
- improved route times for local buses routes;
- connecting the cycling grid with north south routes –Yonge St., Sherbourne St., Cherry St., River St., Bayview Ave., and the Don Valley Trail.

Finally, the Association supports the additional motion submitted by local Councillors, specifically that:

City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to conduct analysis of the Mill Street and The Esplanade cycle track implementation, and after the standard appropriate review period, consult with area stakeholders and the local Councillors on the findings.

Thank you for your consideration of this endorsement.

Sincerely,



(for) Board of Directors
St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association



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