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## To all Concerned

The introduction of bike lanes onto Yonge St between Davenport Rd and St Clair has been the single dumbest move that I have seen Toronto City Council take in years and it affects me directly as I live on Shaftesbury right in the middle on this. Not only was the move taken with very little consultation but the number of bikes that are taking advantage of these lanes is very few. I have lived in the area now for over 30 years and I can tell you that no single move in those 30 years has destroyed a neighbourhood as much as these bike lanes.

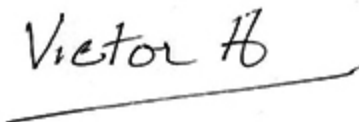
In the meantime, what these bike lanes have created is a complete immobilization of all traffic on Yonge St in this area causing untold congestion . At noon hour on any day including weekdays and most weekends the cars simply do not move on Yonge St where these lanes are in place. During the week it is an utter night mare to tray to go anywhere on Yonge Street because of the traffic congestion.

For all those concerned about smog and climate change, this is aslo environmental disaster. Cars sit on Yonge St between Davenport and St Clair for 3-4 times longer than they used to spewing fumes. On top of this I feel sorry for anybody who lives in this area trying to move around and the business owners who have been affected negatively by these bike lanes.

Here are the facts. We don't need bike lanes on every north south street in Toronto regardless of what bikers or other people may say. Secondly Yonge St is too narrow to take bike lane and too important a street to immobilize. Finally this move to create bike lanes on Yonge St has been an utter environmental disaster from the get go.

These bike lanes should be terminated immediately.

Regards,



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