

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM2.14	ACTION			Ward: All
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**Improving Safety on Bloor Street Bike Lanes during Construction - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Deputy Mayor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with the Executive Director, Environment and Climate, to report back to the March 20, 2023, meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on how the City can provide cyclists and users of motorized wheelchairs with safe ways to pass construction sites that impinge on the Bloor Street bike lanes, without requiring them to share a lane with cars and trucks, or to share sidewalks with pedestrians.

**Summary**

The climate crisis and Toronto's TransformTO goals require that most local trips under 5 kilometers be made by active transportation, i.e. by walking, bike, wheelchair or similar means. This goal cannot be achieved if cyclists and wheelchair users must put their lives at risk to get around our City.

The protected Bloor bike lanes are critical backbones of Toronto's active transportation infrastructure. However, this protection is frequently lost in areas close to construction projects. Instead, the City typically forces vulnerable road users, such as cyclists and users of motorized wheelchairs, into so-called "shared lanes" with cars and trucks, which puts their safety at risk, or onto sidewalks, which puts pedestrians at risk, especially seniors and those with disabilities.

City Council and the public are entitled to know what options are available to provide cyclists and users of motorized wheelchairs with safe ways to pass construction sites that impinge on the Bloor Street bike lanes.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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