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TORONTO BICYCLING NETWORK SUPPORTS BICYCLE LANES ON BLOOR STREET

Bloor St is an important route for cyclists. The route is continuous, there is no danger of streetcar tracks and a subway supports it. While Bloor St has a relatively high cycling mode share, there is also a high incidence of car-bike collisions. Despite the disadvantageous current layout of the streetscape on Bloor Street, it is still a common cycling route with cyclists traveling in the narrow high-risk space between automobiles in motion and those that are parked; where an open door from a parked car can lead to a serious collision.

The City of Toronto is creating a 10-year cycling network plan to be approved by Toronto City Council in 2016. We believe that a pilot project for bicycle lanes on Bloor St should be launched in 2016 and that Bloor St should be included in the 10-year plan.

A pilot bike lane on Bloor St is a valuable and important next step that would identify challenges while tangibly demonstrating the benefits of cycling infrastructure to the local and wider community.

We support the proposed pilot to run from Shaw St to Avenue Rd to connect the grid.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to seeing new bicycle lanes on Bloor St in 2016.

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About Toronto Bicycling Network: Founded in 1983, TBN is a not-for profit organization with more than 850 members and is one of the friendliest clubs you can cycle with. During the spring, summer, and fall, TBN offers an abundance of cycling activities for riders of all levels. TBN also organizes a variety of other activities, including hiking, cross-country skiing, ice-skating and weekend excursions.

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