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Chair Van Meerbergen and Members of the Civic Works Committee,

In since I moved to London 15 years ago I have seen an increase in cycling and an increasingly friendlier public opinion of cycling. What I haven't seen is the planning and infrastructure to go along with it. It has been seven years since the last Cycling Advisory Committee was dissolved. The cycling master plan has not been updated since that time. Usually they are updated every five years.

I'm not the only person who has made this observation. The London Cycle Link without campaigning, or a website has engaged hundreds of Londoners through a survey an email list and a Facebook page in just a few months. The number of people so quickly and readily wanting to engage in this area tells me there is pent up demand for modernizing our cycling infrastructure. The results of our survey support this. 89% of people told us they wanted our primary objective to be advocating for better and safer cycling. The first step to having the most appropriate cycling infrastructure is to first review current cycling issues. The committee being proposed by TAC is the right first step. I recommend accepting TAC's proposal at today's Civic Works Committee meeting.

Thank you for your time.

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