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I have an idea I would like the City of London to consider. You are the my ward Councillor so I should start with you. Please understand I am asking how a proposal is made to the City for consideration. However it is put forward to the City , like the chicken coop idea, how is this done?

My idea is called "Wheels Now". The idea is to make any sidewalk running West or North (hence the "W"heels "N"ow) along all arterial roads ( 4 lane) designated as a bicycle path. Sidewalks running South or East would retained for pedestrian use. 58% of all cycling related fatalities occur on these roads.

This is something easily implemented by simply painting a line down the north and west sidewalks which would alert pedestrians that they are using a bike lane. Drivers want bicycles off the streets and believe me cyclists want off the street also. Again I'm talking about main arterial roads.

The beauty of this idea is it utilises existing infrastructure and could insure safe travel for cyclists at a very low cost. I applaud the city's efforts in this regard in their continued efforts to build bikeways through the city. I also recognise these improvements cost money and take years to implement. "Wheels Now" would work right now, tomorrow. Roads like Wharncliffe or Wellington force cyclists on the road exposing them to speeders, texters and dooring. It will be years before the city installs any bikeway off the street on these roads.

Studies have shown that when people have safe bikeways to use, cycling increases and businesses report increased traffic in their stores. The adage build it and they will come is especially true here except we don't have to build anything!!!

Please understand I would like to make this proposal to the city, if you are not the person that could help me could you please put me in contact with someone that could. I have already discussed this with Doug MacRae but he clearly was not interested in helping he could only suggest that I should show some proof the idea works in another city, which is a great Catch 22 as the idea has never been tried.

Virginia , this idea has legs or wheels to be more precise. The saying isn't share the road it's share the sidewalk.

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