

Dear Civic Works Committee,

Bike lanes are supposed to support and encourage bicycling, not terrify and endanger cyclist. King St is a critical East/West route for anyone entering downtown from the West.

On King St, the City Center at Dundas and Wellington, provides access to underground parking and showers for 75 cyclist who work and bike downtown every day!

Placing busses on King and refusing to clearly mark the lane, or do anything at all to protect the cyclist who were using it, will end in tragedy. No one of sound mind would feel safe or enjoy biking King. During bike to work week last week, after receiving my free gifts from generous volunteers encouraging cycling an active transit, I found myself in a box canyon of busses a block away. It's not uncommon to be a bike on King at 745am and have busses on three sides of you. The forth side is reserved for car doors, delivery vehicles and landscaping trailers.

Please fix King, between Ridout and Wellington it's already a car sewer, busses have made it a gauntlet, I just want to make it to work and home alive. A bike lane isn't, unless it's protected and separated. No one who works or shops, parks on King, it's all utilities and service vehicles.

I learned 60 percent of people “would like to ride more,” according to [Roger Geller \(Bicycle Coordinator Portland Office of Transportation\) estimated in 2005](#). “But they are afraid to ride.” And it is supported by 2012 academic study by [Portland State University's Jennifer Dill backing up Geller's hypothesis](#). For local hypothesis using Ontario population data please see...

https://www.sharetheroad.ca/str_green_paper_2010_03_02-pdf-r155217

Asking the CWC to please construct a separate protect bike lane on King, between Ridout and Wellington as soon as possible, it's already too late for some.

Thank you,

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