

Dear Civic Works Committee,

I am writing to express my concern over the lack of safe cycling infrastructure on King St. between Ridout and Wellington. As a cyclist living in Old South, this is the stretch of road I take to get downtown. I see it as a bit of a eastbound gateway for cyclists due to its convenient connectivity to the TVP.

Not too long ago, I quipped that my heart races when I'm biking down this street not because I'm getting physical exercise, but because I fear for my safety. With busses now moved onto this street, and the decision to keep on-street parking, there are many dangerous obstacles to face. Unfortunately, there have been times when I avoid going downtown altogether simply because there aren't convenient alternative cycling routes.

Indeed, removing on-street parking (how many surface lots do we have again?!) and adding in a protected bike lane similar to the one recently installed on Colborne would be the perfect solution. The more infrastructure like this we have, the better. I do believe it would draw Londoners downtown more often, and put London on the map in a way that a BRT route or a flex street can't match.

We could so easily and cheaply possess gold standard cycling infrastructure. Let's not kick the can down the road to the next council. You folks have shown your commitment to building livable cities and this is a key piece of the puzzle.

All the best,
Devan