

Good Morning Civic Works Committee and London Transit Committee,

I reached out to a local cycling group on facebook to voice some of my concerns regarding my current commute and was directed your way.

I live at the corner of Colborne and King.

My commute takes me north on Colborne, West on Queens and down to the TVP.

On my ride home I take the TVP to King Street and ride east.

I fully support the work being done on Dundas Street and York Street but this is making my ride a lot more challenging and dangerous to navigate. Beyond adding significantly more traffic to both Queens and King Street the new bus stops have created a major challenge for me, as a cyclist.

While riding home on King Street specifically, at any time I may need to ride alongside anywhere from 1- 6 busses. The drivers don't seem to be aware of the bike lane, as they depart their bus stop they signal for just a moment before pulling out - which has on more than one occasion, forced me into traffic.

This is not acceptable. This is literally jeopardizing my safety. I understand that in this lovely city, our busses have the right of way, and goodness knows when I'm taking the bus I am so thankful for this rule.

But the way these roads (and bike lanes) are structured, combined with the bus drivers lack of awareness for cyclists is dangerous. As I ride along these busses I ring my bell constantly, but it is a futile effort as the noise from Citi Plaza and the traffic drowns out even my loudest bell.

I don't know what the right answer is to this challenge, but I assure you, we're doing it wrong right now.

I urge you to not take this information lightly. I am just one cyclist, of many in this city. Putting my life in danger is not acceptable.

I appreciate your time and thank you in advance for your consideration of this important issue

Have a great day,

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