



HELPING LONDONERS **RIDE MORE**

Dear Civic Works Committee,

We talk a lot about attracting people downtown. The goal is vibrant public spaces, full of people and thriving businesses. There are thousands of people on the Thames Valley Parkway, so close to downtown, that we can invite in by connecting Dundas Place to the path with safe and direct walking and cycling facilities. A safe connection to and through Downtown will connect families to Central Library, students to Fanshawe College, employees to their jobs downtown, and attract a new customer base to shop downtown.

Thankfully, the connection between Ridout and the Thames Valley Parkway will be constructed this spring and the Dundas Cycle Tracks have recently been finalized to connect downtown to Old East Village.

Providing safe cycling infrastructure on Dundas Place will finalize the East-West Bikeway and provide a connection to downtown that will be lost when the King Street bike lane is removed. It will **make the street safer, help reduce our emissions, support a vibrant downtown and provide additional space for recreation** that is sorely needed with pathways bursting at the seams.

Our preferred option for Dundas Place is Option #1, bi-directional bicycle lanes.

Protection between people and vehicles makes the street safer and attracts all ages and abilities to use it. It fulfills the vision of Dundas Place as a place for people and encourages walking, cycling and scooting which will support the Climate Emergency Action Plan. And it balances the needs of all users - maintaining an eastbound vehicle lane and most of the parking and loading zones.

Reducing the number of vehicles using the street can also reduce the risk to people on bikes and make the street a more enjoyable place to eat, shop, or play on. Option #3 to Divert Traffic holds promise, but ensuring signage effectively reduces traffic volumes is questionable. Option #2, by limiting traffic to One-Way, will achieve a reduction in traffic volume but not to the level required to feel safe navigating legally or illegally parked vehicles.

We ask Civic Works and City Council to endorse Option #1 and commit to safe cycling infrastructure through the downtown. Let's make Dundas Place a vibrant place full of people and connect the cycling network, now and in the future.

Kind regards,

the London Cycle Link Advocacy Committee