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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of London Cycle Link, I am writing to offer feedback on the Dundas Place traffic calming measures.

London Cycle Link supports the changes made to divert traffic along Dundas Street. The pilot project has provided a good solution for the unique flex design that balances the needs of those using the street. Traffic diversions have reduced car traffic volume and speed, improving safety for cyclists along Dundas Street. Businesses are able to keep loading spots, and parking for customers. The valuable people-centred design has been preserved, which will allow people to experience part of their city away from cars during community events and car-free days.

With the flex design, there is more fluidity in how people use the street, creating some ambiguity between sidewalks, bike lanes and car lanes. This design increases the attentiveness required, as cyclists and motorists navigate through this space safely. While this leads to a natural decrease in speed, cyclists continue to feel pressure from cars to get out of the way.

Designating Dundas Place as a “bike boulevard” would enhance cyclists’ comfort and safety, as well as opening this stretch of Dundas up to cyclists of all ages and abilities. This would not require any paint or physical infrastructure changes, nor would it change vehicles’ use of the road beyond yielding to bicycles when they are present. Assigning the right-of-way to cyclists would enhance the existing design for low speed limits and low motor-vehicle traffic, and would complement the “street for people” flex design. This could be achieved by indicating that these four blocks of Dundas are a priority route for cyclists, with signage at the entry points, and possibly adding measures to further reduce speed and create low car traffic.

There is also a need for secure bike racks throughout Dundas Place, preferably securely anchored post and ring racks. There was a recent incident in London where one of the loop style bike racks was physically removed along with the targeted bike during a theft.

Overall, the changes to Dundas Place have been positive, and London Cycle Link appreciates the changes the city has put forward to help make London streets safer for cyclists. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Molly Miksa  
Executive Director