



*Parkdale High Park Bikes*



Monday, May 31, 2021

Ms. Becky Katz  
Pedestrian and Cycling Projects

Councillor Gord Perks, Ward 4  
Councillor Ana Bailao, Ward 9

Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON

*Sent by email attachment*

Dear Ms. Katz, and Councillors Perks and Bailao,

***Re: continuing hazard under UP/GO bridge***

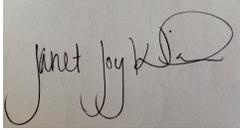
We are concerned about the ongoing danger posed by the absence of any provision for the safety of cyclists under the UP Express/GO bridge on Bloor Street West. We have previously brought this matter to your attention, and hope that this written entreaty will spur action, consistent with the city's road safety plan.

The significant investment in the extension over the past year of the Bloor-Danforth bikeway is undermined by this 400-metre gap, which has remained since the end of road work several months ago. We believe this gap could be remedied in a matter of hours, even if only on a temporary basis, with painted markings, similar to the buffered bike lane markings that exist at the underpass between Lansdowne and Symington. We appreciate that additional road work is anticipated later in the year. However, **in the interim, many thousands of people on bikes pass under this bridge every week, including many families on their way to High Park.**

The underpass is particularly hazardous because motorists use the wider roadway on Bloor between Symington and Dundas West to speed up while the pavement under the bridge is uneven (and subject to shadows that make detection of potholes difficult). In addition, many children divert to the sidewalk as an alternative, as they are legally entitled to do, but thereby create the potential for collisions with people going to the GO/UP station, including people on foot with luggage.

We would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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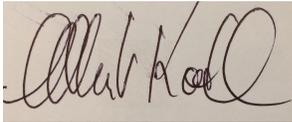
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Janice Joy Wilson (Toronto Community Bikeways Coalition)

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Jun Nogami (Parkdale High Park Bikes)

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Albert Koehl (Bells on Bloor)

cc. Ms. Jennifer McKelvie, Chair, Infrastructure and Environment Committee