

CITY CENTRE COALITION

January 30, 2011

Re. Proposed Laurier Avenue Segregated Cycling Lane

Dear Members of the Transportation Committee:

The City Centre Coalition, a grouping of 11 community organizations, supports the staff recommendation for a pilot project for a segregated cycling lane on Laurier Avenue between Elgin and Bronson.

Many more people would choose to reduce their dependency on private cars if cycling downtown were safer. However cycling downtown is still a daunting experience for many because of the density and speed of automobile traffic and the lack of infrastructure that would increase safety.

The proposed segregated bicycling lane on Laurier would reduce risks to cyclists. We are confident that such a lane will be well used and will play a significant part in increasing the number of trips in Ottawa taken by bicycle, thereby diverting some of the trips away from private cars which already congest the downtown.

The new bicycle lane will help Ottawa develop a vision of more people choosing to live downtown, more residents living healthy and physically active lifestyles, more financially sustainable transportation and less greenhouses gas emissions.

We urge you to support this segregated bike lane pilot project so that our City can become a better place to live and work.

Sincerely,

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