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Dear TTC and Mr. Byford

While controversial with some, there is a long-standing need to improve east-west transit service in the core, perhaps sharper on the west end.

Providing a King St. transit priority service, or Queen, was one/two of maybe 12 transit options to the Front St. Extension that the official processes and politicians never were able to officially consider. Thankfully the province was smart enough to extend all GO trains by two cars, and eventually the Dumb Growth of the road folly was throttled off, but it took multiple years, and some surprising splits in votes too.

The larger solution I think is with a Front St. transitway still, though somewhat occluded etc. etc. The new cars will be harder on the heritage of King and Queen ie. they don't really fit the streetscape and the tonnage may be harsh on weaker mortar joints, but there's such momentum in things, and relative deafness at times from those ostensibly in charge, (witnessed again with the lack of progress on transit-relieving Bloor bike lanes) that scant change will occur, though relative service will decline.

Another large and untried solution is a single, straight, smooth, safe bike way from the Parkdale/High Park area into the core by one street or another road entirely. While awkward, and also needing political will, the TTC must be sensitive to biking, in part due to how the streetcar tracks dictate lane position on King and Queen and thus essentially prevent these roads from being cheaply restriped for bike lanes.

Paint should be cheap, and could be very effective, but as with Bloor, it takes soo long to get near-nothing done in Caronto the Carrupt.

But I do hope you'll support Mr. Byford's efforts - something should be done please.

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