

April 29, 2014

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Re: April 30 TTC Meeting – Notice of Motion

Bicycle Parking and Public Bike Sharing Station – Plaza south of Front Street Union Station between Bay Street and York Street

Dear Chair Augimeri and Members of the Toronto Transit Commission,

I am writing on behalf of Cycle Toronto regarding the notice of motion. Cycle Toronto is a diverse, member-supported organization that advocates for a healthy, safe, cycling-friendly for all and currently represents over 2,300 Torontonians.

Cycle Toronto supports the motion before the Board on April 30 requesting the reinstatement of surface bicycle parking and a large Bike Share Toronto station in the Plaza in front of Union Station.

Cycling has proven to be an important supplement to and support for public transit systems and train stations around the world.

In Montreal, the former operator of the Toronto BIXI system estimated that 30% of all BIXI trips were trips that would otherwise have been made on public transit. If that is true for Toronto every Bike Share Toronto trip reduces the demand for transit and therefore the operating subsidies for the TTC.

A Bike Share Toronto station in front of Union Station is a major statement about the role of active transportation in our City's transportation system and its public transit system in particular.

On behalf of Cycle Toronto, we strongly support the motion before the TTC to add bicycle parking and a Bike Share Toronto station in front of Union Station.

Sincerely,



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