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I write in opposition to The Public Service requests that an extension on the report of Wellington Crescent.

As a cyclist, who commutes everywhere across this city, I feel dishearten by the minimal amount of action taken by our City to protect its most vulnerable road users from undue harm from motor vehicles. The tragic death of Rob Jenner is a systematic failure of our elected city officials to address these concerns. Analysts across the world have acknowledge 30 km/h streets are the most efficient when it comes to protecting vulnerable road users including pedestrians and cyclists.

Delaying another report regarding 30km/h on Wellington Crescent is yet another disappointment in a long list of disappointments by the City to ensure vulnerable road users continue not to feel safe.

As someone who was hit by a car almost four years ago while walking my bike across the street on a green light, I can attest I do not feel safe cycling in our city most of the day. In fact, I feel more safer cycling at 3 or 4 am in the morning daily then I do at 4pm or 5 pm because there is virtually no automobile traffic. I also echo my fellow active transportation allies who feel the same way. They do not feel safe cycling because we have designed our city in such a way, that only benefits motorists, and not those who do not have, can not afford, nor do not want an automobile.

I urge public works to not delay any further action on making Wellington Crescent safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

Thank you

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