I’m writing in opposition to the request for an additional 30-day extension to report back on the Wellington Crescent Bike Lane Pilot Project.

This delay, announced on the anniversary of Rob Jenner’s death, is a painful reminder that the City has still not taken meaningful steps to make this corridor safer. One year later, the same risks remain, and another delay sends the message that even in the face of tragedy, urgency is negotiable.

The City committed to an interim safety solution by spring 2025. Further delay without action is unacceptable. If the report needs 30 more days, the public deserves 30 km/h in the meantime.

A consistent, interim speed limit of 30 km/h is achievable now. The precedent exists under the Enhanced Summer Bike Route program. Making it year-round would immediately reduce risk while the City finalizes longer-term designs. This simple change aligns with the Transportation Master Plan 2050, OurWinnipeg 2045, the city's stated goal of achieving vision zero and national guidelines.

Wellington Crescent has been identified in planning documents for over 20 years as a key connection. Every delay undermines the City’s credibility on road safety and sustainable transportation. If the City is serious about Vision Zero and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, it needs to act, not defer.

Please implement an immediate, interim 30 km/h speed limit if an extension is approved. If the City gets 30 more days, residents deserve 30 km/h.

Sincerely,
Jason Ward