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Item No. 4 Wellington Crescent (Academy Road to Stradbrook Avenue) Bike Lane Pilot Project – formerly Speed Limit Reduction on Wellington Crescent

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Delegation information

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Wellington Crescent bike lane pilot project

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
I am against the recommendation that installation of the bike lane be delayed any further than it already has been. That stretch of Wellington Crescent is inherently conducive to unsafe driving, and therefore dangerous to cyclists, and even pedestrians (as we saw on Portage Ave. last year, vehicles, especially large pickup trucks, can easily jump curbs). The installation of the bike lane as presented in schematics from the report that accompanies this agenda item would protect cyclists by keeping them separate from drivers. The bike lane would further protect cyclists and pedestrians by narrowing the roadway, which as been shown again and again in cities around the world (including our own) to cause drivers to operate their vehicles more slowly. These factors together will make it less likely for drivers to crash into vulnerable road users on Wellington, and make crashes that do happen less likely to lead to injuries or fatalities. According to the Public Works report, this change is expected to have a minimal impact on traffic flow. The report further details that it is not typical to delay for feedback like this before the infrastructure is installed. It is time for council to do the right thing, and prioritize this project. Build it as soon as possible. Council, when we are on Winnipeg's road system as vulnerable road users, we trust our lives in your hands as much as we do the drivers we encounter. Installing the bike lane immediately could make the difference between life and death. The cycling community needs the Wellington Crescent Bike Lane, and we need it now.

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes