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Item 2 of the Report of the Standing Committee Policy on Public Works dated March 4, 2026 (Wellington Crescent [Academy Road to Stradbrook Avenue] – Bike Lane Pilot Project)

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Delegation information

Committee you want to address
Standing Policy Committee on Public Works

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Item No. 4: Wellington Crescent (Academy Road to Stradbrook Avenue) - Bike Lane Pilot Project

Support or oppose recommendations
I support the recommendations

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Comments
Dear Chairperson Janice Lukes and Councillors of the Standing Policy Committee for Public Works,

I am writing to you once again in support of the recommendations made by the Public Service in their administrative report on Item No. 4: Wellington Crescent (Academy Road to Stradbrook Avenue) - Bike Lane Pilot Project.

As someone who lives off of Wellington Crescent and attends the Unitarian Universalist Church of Winnipeg at 603 Wellington Crescent, I was eagerly awaiting the promised safety improvements in summer 2025, and was disappointed to learn of the delay. Getting temporary infrastructure in place this summer will make me feel safer moving around my neighbourhood and provide essential data on how the proposed lane works in reality. The recent overhaul of the transit system proves how valuable pilot projects are. The best route in theory fails if it doesn't serve the people in the city who use it.

I simply don't understand why the committee needs to debate and consider the recommendations yet again. The public service is recommending proceeding with the pilot, the data from the public engagement survey recommends proceeding with the pilot, and the overwhelming public response to the previous meeting was to proceed with the pilot. Why then has the pilot not been implemented?

I was so looking forward to using the temporary bike lane last spring and had happily spread the news of it. I worry for the many people I know who bike to my church at 603 Wellington Crescent and those who use active transportation in the area. I want my neighbourhood to be a safe place for everyone to get around and for the City to care and respond, not delay time after time.

The temporary bike lane pilot covers what was the scariest portion of my bike route to work, before my tricycle was stolen. I'm disabled and didn't move quickly on my tricycle, so I always rode on the sidewalk once I crossed Academy Road. I didn't want to, but cars and trucks never gave me enough space on the road. They would squeeze me and speed past. Pulling over for pedestrians on the sidewalk was simply safer.

As a driver, I welcome the bike lane pilot project with open arms. Many of the routes I regularly take have bike lanes and I feel it improves safety for everyone on the road.

I support permanent infrastructure as well but I think the temporary pilot is important to gather information on how changes affect people who live in the area and use the road. I object to the idea of cancelling the pilot to just start design work for permanent changes. A design does not save lives, and more delay is unacceptable.

Sincerely,
Sara Allen