SUBMISSION – KAREN FLETCHER

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

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Public Works Item 2. Wellington Crescent (Academy Road to Stradbrook Avenue) - Bike Lane Pilot Project

Support or oppose recommendations
I am opposed to the recommendations

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Comments
This is a significant change to the function of this stretch of road and impacts the thousands of people who live in this stretch as well as the commuters who drive, cycle and walk through this stretch of the road. I am one of these people who live on the impacted area. Public works has recommended that a trial is needed in order to then get feedback and make sure the best possible design is implemented. It will be impossible to get this right the first time around, the recent implementation of the new transit system is a good example of how difficult it is to get things right. Frankly I can't wait yet another year or two or however long it will take to feel safer walking and cycling on my street. Last week I was almost hit at the exact corner where Rob Jenner was killed while waiting on the curb for an opening to cross Wellington. A car came speeding in the curb lane, going between 60 and 70 km and skidding on the fresh snow that had fallen as he was trying to get around the car in the centre lane. I quickly moved further back from the edge as I thought he was going to come up on the boulevard. These types of incidents happen routinely. Please do not scrap the temporary bike lane plan, it needs to happen and it needs to happen now. For safety and cost effectiveness, I have zero hope the city will get it right without the temporary lane plan going ahead.

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