

Extension of Richmond-Adelaide Cycle Tracks

- Cycle tracks – separated bike lanes – have been extended along Richmond Street and are in the process of being extended along Adelaide Street.
- The new infrastructure runs on Richmond Street, which is one-way westbound, from Parliament Street to York Street, and on Adelaide Street, which is one-way eastbound, from Simcoe Street to Parliament Street.
- This extends the cycle tracks installed in 2014 so that cycle tracks now run from Bathurst Street to Parliament Street.
- The cycle tracks have been installed by converting the right side curb lane on each of these streets into a bike lane with a painted buffer and flexi-post bollards similar to the existing cycle tracks on these streets further west.
- On Richmond Street, the number of westbound cyclists using the cycle tracks in an eight hour period has increased from 500 cyclists in June 2014 to 1,300 in May of 2015.
- On Adelaide Street, the number of eastbound cyclists has almost tripled, with the number using the cycle tracks in an eight hour period increasing from 550 cyclists in June 2014 to 1,575 in May of 2015.
- This is part of a pilot project to improve cycling infrastructure and enhance safety for all road users in the downtown core.
- Bicycle lanes will also be installed on both sides of Peter Street, from King Street to Queen Street.
- These changes are part of the Richmond-Adelaide Bikeway Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to evaluate the feasibility of cycle tracks and other cycling infrastructure in this area.
- The pilot project evaluation will focus on the effectiveness of the cycle tracks, options for the design of the separation between the cycle tracks and traffic lanes, the impacts on parking and loading for area businesses, and the effect on traffic flow.
- A report to Council on the evaluation of the pilot project and recommendations regarding if the cycle tracks should be made permanent is planned for late 2016.
- A map of the changes can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/1FcenUo>
- More information about cycling in Toronto is available at toronto.ca/cycling and by following us on Twitter @TO_Cycling.