

Council Member Inquiry/Motion Form
Demande de renseignements d'un membre du Conseil /Formulaire de motion

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Acting Coordinator,
Transportation Committee

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To/Dest. :

Acting Deputy City Manager, Public Works and Services

Subject/Objet :

Inquiry No. TRC-32-06 – 16 August 2006 from Councillor Doucet
Curb Lane Signage at Bronson and Carling

Inquiry/Demande de renseignements :

At the meeting of the Transportation Committee on 16 August 2006, Councillor Doucet put forth the following inquiry:

“Whereas changes to Carling Avenue near Bronson included the creation of a bus priority lane next to the curb which was originally intended to also accommodate bicycles;

Whereas the bulbout added to Carling in the eastbound lane was also designed to accommodate bicycles in the curb lane;

Whereas buses are infrequent in this section of Carling, leaving the curb lane largely underused;

Whereas, given the speed of vehicles in the middle lanes, cyclists feel more comfortable and safer in the curb lane;

Why is the curb lane not signed explicitly as a bus and cycling lane?”

c.c. Councillor Stavinga, Chair, Transportation Committee
Councillor Doucet, Capital Ward

Response/Réponse :

RTS#: 25644

27 October 2006

Mayor and Members of Council:

The Department is considering the modification of the existing pavement lane markings on Carling Ave. to convert the curb side lane into a 3.2m reserved bus/bicycle lane that would prohibit use by regular vehicular traffic. There are concerns as to whether or not the proposed 3.2m lane width can provide safe operating conditions for cyclists and buses.

The Department has already conducted a short literature/internet search but would like a more extensive search to be performed and a guideline/standard to be developed/recommended as a part of this project. Once we have completed this literature and safety review with regard to both traffic operations and transit priority in relation to shared bus/bicycle lanes, a more formal response can be provided.

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